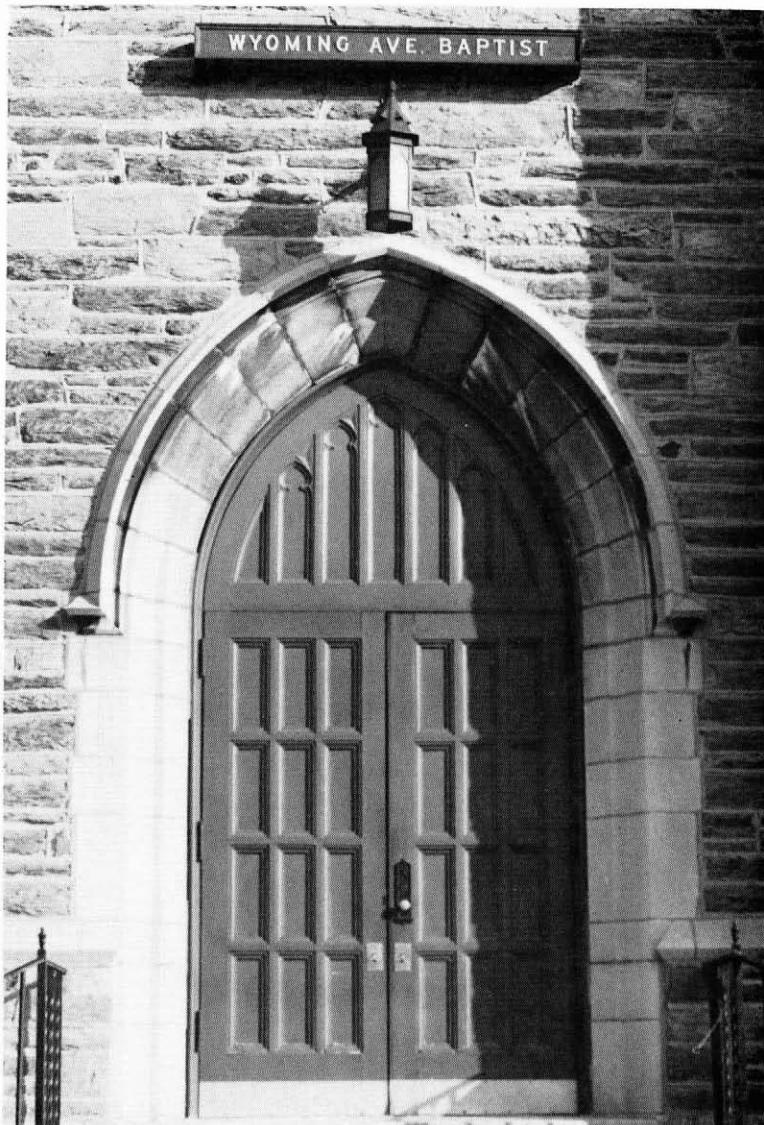


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Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!—*Psalm 100:4a*

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Seventy-five years ago, Franklinville, Feltonville, Olney, and Frankford were names of far-out suburbs of the City of Philadelphia. Feltonville especially was noted for high ground, beautiful rolling farms, and many gracious homes. Public transportation was limited to the Reading Railroad's train running from Third and Berks Streets to Newtown, Pennsylvania. The station was located at Second Street and Wyoming Avenue on the northwest boundary of Leese's twenty-three-acre farm. Across from the station, on Wyoming Avenue, stood the Rau mansion built in 1888. Mr. David Titlow, the undertaker, lived in a stately home with a lake in front of it at Wyoming Avenue and "C" Street. Across Wyoming Avenue on the north side stood the large residences of Mr. Edwin P. Frick and Mr. Thomas Harvey, side by side.

On old Second Street Pike, now named Rising Sun Avenue, and Fisher's Lane stood the Feltonville School, having twelve grades, all taught by one teacher. Some of the classes had only five or six pupils. Several branches of the Felton family, for whom the community was named resided on Fisher's Lane, the present "D" Street, which extended all through the community. It ran north and south, turned westward at what is now the Roosevelt Boulevard bounding the twenty-eight-acre farm of Mr. John Hoffner. Mr. Hoffner was a relative of the Felton family. Mr. Christopher Simon was also a Felton.

A visitor arriving on the Reading train was greeted by the bright, bold sign "Wyoming" hanging on the station. On old Second Street Pike was a picturesque property occupied by Mr. James Eckersley. On the lawn, "Wyoming Villa" was written in brilliant red plants.

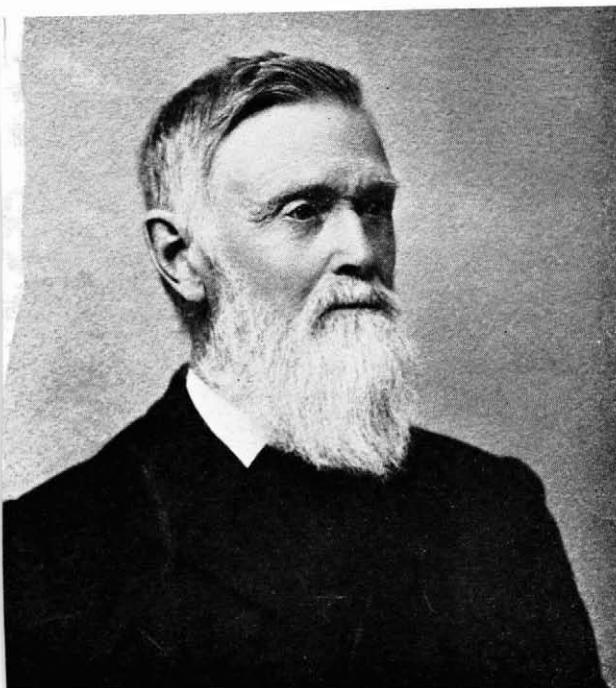
A newly formed real estate company named "Wyoming Land and Improvement Association," and headed by Mr. Eckersley, employed Mr. John Walmsley to divide the fields into building lots. Mr. Walmsley brought his wife and five children to reside on Second Street Pike in the first new house built by the Wyoming Land Company. (One of these five children was destined to become Mrs. Edna Hookway.)

When the land was divided into building lots, the property along Wyoming Avenue sold quickly. Several of the leading citizens, namely Mr. David Titlow, Mr. Edwin Frick, and Mr. Thomas Harvey, went to the Wyoming Land and Improvement Association about the possibility of reserving ground for a Church. They learned that only four centrally located lots were left on Wyoming Avenue.

They were the lots on which the Church now stands. Two of these were donated by the Wyoming Land and Improvement Association, and two were purchased by the Philadelphia Baptist City Mission Society.

The deeds were drawn up in April 1891. The news of the coming of a place of worship spread quickly, and with the news came offers of financial aid. At first, a modest Church building costing \$2,000 was contemplated, but the response was so enthusiastic that a building worth twice that amount was erected. Much of the labor was contributed. The children of the community were very much interested in following the progress of the work. They watched James Lowrie plow the ground; they saw William Marshall and William Banger do the landscaping; they followed the workmen from Greenmount Cemetery as they hauled stones from Middleton's old barn located on Luray Street, east of Front Street. They watched these men lay the foundation for the building. Later, they saw Mr. David Titlow, Mr. Edwin Frick (the Superintendent of Greenmount Cemetery who had supplied the men for the foundation work), and Mr. Thomas Harvey doing carpentry work. After the children were put to bed the work still continued. There were many who found at the close of the business day much relaxation in "pitching in," and helping to accomplish worthwhile tasks. It was a memorable picture to see Mr. George Ellis working by the light of the lantern held by his wife. The work of the Church was marked then by a joyous and sacrificial spirit of service. It was then, and continues to be the spirit at Wyoming.

Meanwhile, as the building progressed, Prayer Meetings were held in the home of Mr. John Porter in Greenmount Cemetery. These meetings culminated in a very important and memorable date in the history of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church. On the evening of July 25, 1891, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frick, 419 E. Wyoming Avenue, a meeting was held to organize the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Mission. Rev. Ira D. King presided and Mr. Edwin Frick was appointed secretary. Mr. King was invited to be the first Pastor of the Mission, and he accepted without remuneration until the Mission was financially able to grant support. Mr. William Cookshott was chosen Superintendent of the Sunday School with Mr. James Molloy assistant. Mrs. Cookshott was elected Superintendent of the Primary Department with Miss Elizabeth Titlow assistant. Miss Katherine Titlow was elected Organist of the Mission; Mrs. Mae Frick, Secretary; and Mr. David Titlow,



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Treasurer. Messrs. David Titlow, E. P. Frick, and Thomas Harvey were elected Trustees of the Mission property.

The work of building the Mission continued.

At an informal meeting held on the evening of August 5, 1891, it was decided that the first service should be held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, September 13, 1891, followed by services that evening, and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings of the same week. The Wednesday evening service was planned as a Prayer Meeting, and the others were to be preaching services.

Finally the Mission was completed and the finishing touch was a sturdy, well-built fence erected by Mr. George Schappel.

September 13 arrived and the famous Rev. Russell H. Conwell, D.D., founder of Temple University, preached the first sermon in this new Mission. The building was crowded with people from the community and near-by sections.

At a meeting held on December 6, 1891, a Devotional Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. King, Molloy, Snow, Marsh, Ball and Cookshott.

Rev. Ira D. King terminated his brief ministry at the Mission on January 17, 1892. He passed away in 1893, having served long and faithfully as a prominent minister in many fields. Rev. Clark O. Maltby succeeded Mr. King, but was not to serve very long. Rev. James French, D.D., assumed charge of the work when the

Trustees placed the Mission property under the control of the Philadelphia Baptist City Mission Society. Dr. French was a veteran of nearly fourscore years. He had given sixty years of devoted service in the West and returned to be Secretary of the Philadelphia Baptist City Mission Society. He dedicated his closing years to fostering the infant enterprise at Wyoming. Dr. French's constant prayer for the work was, "O Lord, lengthen stakes, strengthen cords, stretch out on the right hand and on the left." Dr. French was assisted for a time by Mr. John C. Stock, a licentiate of Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, whose connection with the Mission terminated in September 1895.

At the solicitation of Rev. Charles H. Thomas, the Pastor of the Fiftieth Baptist Church, Seventh and Susquehanna Avenue, John Arthur Hookway became the colleague of Dr. French in this work. Mr. Hookway was born in Bideford, Devonshire, England, April 26, 1868. After a varied and interesting youth, during which he studied the classics and learned a trade, he came to Philadelphia in 1888. He followed the trade of carpenter until 1893 when he entered Crozer Theological Seminary. He was a member of the Fiftieth Baptist Church and Superintendent of their Sunday School. He lived with the Pastor of that church, Mr. Thomas and his family, until he entered Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hookway made the trip from Chester to the mission twice a week. He spent all day Sunday in the community, and he came early on Wednesday afternoon, so that he could make parish calls before Prayer Meeting. In those days, the horse cars came as far north as Fifth Street and Second Street Pike (now Fifth Street and Rising Sun Avenue). The remainder of the journey had to be made on foot. Dr. French and Mr. Hookway often made the journey together, through sunshine, rain, deep snow, or darkness. During these years, Mr. Hookway's meager salary of two dollars a week barely paid his transportation expenses. After his ordination, in September 1897, he came to reside on the field. His salary was raised to eight dollars a week.

Although the congregation was small, the work was by no means easy. Only a few houses stood within view of the Church, and Pastor Hookway walked many miles making calls on his people and on newcomers to the area.

A tentative official board was formed looking toward organizing the Mission into a Church. During this period, noteworthy service was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Frick, Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley



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and her family, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Osborne and family, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Carolina H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, the Harvey family, Mrs. A. Dickey, and many others, both Baptists and those with other denominational connections. All worked together for the common cause.

In May of 1900, Dr. James French, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, passed away. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. In his youth he had stored his mind with the rich contents of the abiding Word and in his latter years he employed that Truth in building up the Mission. His connection with the Mission is a treasured heritage.

On June 19, 1900, the preliminary steps in the organization of the Church were taken. The Bethesda, Lehigh Avenue, and Fiftieth Baptist Churches had received members in trust for the Mission. Their letters of Dismissal were requested and received at Wyoming. Other letters were received from Mantua, Tioga, Grace, and First German Baptist Churches.

From the time of Pastor Hookway's coming to reside on the field, he had worked tirelessly to gather enough members to constitute a Baptist Church body. The houses of the people were far apart, the roads were unpaved, and the walking was especially

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difficult in stormy weather. But now the required thirty-five members had been gathered and on September 10, 1900, the organization of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church was effected.

On September 13, a meeting was held for the election of officers. Rev. John A. Hookway was asked to remain as Pastor; Lewis E. Bitters, David W. Browne, and James E. Walmsley were elected Deacons. Frank Fly, Irvin S. Fly, David W. Browne, Dr. W. H. Good, William H. Marshall, Edward A. Samsel, and John Taylor were elected Trustees. Lewis E. Bitters was made Treasurer, and F. W. Godfring, Church Clerk. The "New Baptist Church Manual" was adopted for guidance and at a later period, by-laws were prepared for the governing of the body. At this meeting it was decided to apply for membership in the North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches, and to call a Council for Recognition to meet on Monday afternoon, September 14, 1900.

The Council for Recognition met on that date in the Church building. Fifty-two delegates were present. Rev. Charles H. Thomas officiated as Moderator, and Rev. Joseph A. Bennett acted as Clerk. After a statement by Pastor Hookway, the minutes of the Church were read by the Clerk, and the Council approved the action taken in the organization of the Church. In the evening, the Recognition Service was held with Rev. Charles H. Thomas presiding. The Scripture was read by Rev. Groves W. Drew, the invocation offered by Rev. T. D. D. Clark, and the sermon was preached by Rev. John Gordon, D.D., from the text found in Galatians 6:17, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." The prayer of recognition was offered by Rev. Charles E. McClellan; the hand of fellowship extended by Rev. Clarence Larkin; and the charge to the Church given by Rev. Bernard MacMackin. The Pastor closed with the benediction. Application for a Charter was deferred until June 1905, when the enlargement of the edifice was contemplated.

The first Choir was organized and directed by Mrs. Martha Megee, a very capable musician with a beautiful soprano voice. She and her sister, Miss Margaret Roper, Miss Mary Oeste, Miss Martha McCready, Mr. Edward Samsel, Mr. John Taylor, Dr. W. Harmer Good, and Mr. Thomas McCready comprised a splendid double quartette, with Miss Edna Walmsley as organist.

The Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1900 and Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley was the first president. The Ladies' Aid started

immediately to be a wonderful blessing and a very real power in the work of the Church.

In 1901, one year after the organization of the Church, the building was renovated and a new carpet laid. The Church was clear of debt and there was a balance in the treasury.

The first break in the ranks of the original members of the Church came with the passing away of Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley and Mr. Frank Fly in 1904. These two officers and leaders had made a splendid contribution in laying the foundation of the work at Wyoming.

From the beginning the Sunday School had been very successful in the young Church. Because of membership in other denominations or because of objection to being baptized, the Church membership in 1905 numbered only 95, while the Sunday School had 438 members. The Boys' Club, known in the community as "P. H. L." or Pleasant Hour League, had started with 16 members in 1901, but had grown to 60 by 1905. The need for a new Sunday School building was apparent. In 1905, the ground was broken and work was begun on a new building. A gift of \$500 in cash was given by Mr. John B. Stetson. In addition, he offered material from his factory for this undertaking. This came through the instrumentality of Mr. Charles Jones, chief engineer at Mr. Stetson's factory. This assistance was accepted gratefully and the contract for the erection of a brick extension in the rear of the frame chapel, at a cost of \$6,080, was awarded to Mr. John F. Davies of Frankford. The partitions, the improved heating apparatus, and some other adjustments brought the total cost to nearly \$9,000. This necessitated a mortgage of \$5,000 which was placed with the Ark Building and Loan Association. At this time, The Philadelphia Baptist City Mission Society held the deeds of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist property. To regain possession of the deeds, \$283, the full amount of interest paid by that organization in behalf of the Church, had to be repaid. With the consent of the Church, this amount was withheld from a legacy of \$800 bequeathed to the Church by Dr. French, who had named the City Mission Society the joint administrator of his estate.

In 1905 another important event occurred on October 12. Pastor Hookway married Edna M. Walmsley at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. J. E. Walmsley, in Frankford. After their return from a honeymoon at Niagara Falls the Church gave them a reception at the home of Mrs. Martha Megee on Wyoming Avenue,

west of Clinton (now Mascher) Street. The entire congregation and many others in the community were invited to attend. While the bride and groom stood to receive the congratulations and good wishes of their friends, they were presented with a gift of \$100 from the Church, to be used toward furnishing their new home at 4715 "A" Street. (Later a daughter Elizabeth, and a son John Arthur, Jr. were born to Pastor and Mrs. Hookway.)

A Charter was granted in 1905 by the Common Pleas Court of the City of Philadelphia to the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church. The names of 60 members appear on the Charter. Two of these members, sixty-one years later, are active in the Church life today: Edna Walmsley, our dearly beloved Mrs. Edna Hookway, and Stella Langhorne, affectionately known as "Auntie" Stella Reeves.

MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE CHARTER OF 1905

Carolina Adams	Frank Hucknall	Emma Osborne
O. J. Bailey	Emma Kennedy	Harry Osborne
J. Theodore S. Batt	Kate V. Krider	Lillian Parker
Alberta Batt	R. T. Krider	Walter O. Pickenhahn
Ida K. Bussinger	Milton C. Langhorne	Jennie Poultney
Anna Cotton	Stella Langhorne	Benjamin G. Powers
Anna E. Dickey	J. Daniel Lehr	Ida G. Powers
Winfield Donat	Priscilla H. Lewis	Alice Rushton
Horace L. Fenton	Hugh MacMurtrie	John Thomas Rushton
John S. Fenton	Sarah Ann Marsden	Mary Ann Rushton
May M. Frick	Mary Marshall	Edward A. Samsel
F. Gerstlauer, Jr.	William Marshall	Harriett Samsel
Fred K. Gerstlauer, Jr.	Emily E. Mays	Mary E. Smith
W. Harmer Good	Kathryn T. Mays	Anna E. Walmsley
Annie Griffith	William R. McKelvey	Walter Wilkie
Eliza J. Hardiman	Martha Megee	Mrs. E. Wiley
Florence Hardiman	Mrs. Lizzie Mendenhall	Meritt R. Williams
Jennie Hardiman	Louisa Merkel	Rose T. Williams
Edna M. Hookway	Margaret Merkel	Alice Windle
John A. Hookway	Augusta Offner	Cora Wunder

The year 1905 brought into the Church life an organized, active and efficient Usher's Association. A Men's Bible Class also was organized. In the next year a Chapter of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip was created.

In 1906 the new Sunday School room reached completion. The Trustees of that year deserve special mention for their cooperation as a Building Committee.

The year 1907 saw the Young Men's League supply their reading room with helpful magazines and purchase a new library of standard books.

Mrs. Martha Megee who had been so active in the organizing of the Choir and the work of the Ladies' Aid Society left the city to become the Superintendent of Organized Charities for the State of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

Dr. W. Harmer Good succeeded Mrs. Megee as leader of the Choir, and the fine spirit and service of that organization continued. Dr. Good gave to the Church a nine-hundred-dollar organ that helped greatly to make the Church music enjoyable. Although a busy physician, Dr. Good did not maintain office hours on Wednesday evening or Sunday at service time. He was a regular attendant at Prayer Meeting and never failed to take some part in the service, either in testimony or in prayer. The Church missed him greatly when he was called to Olney to take up the larger practice of Dr. Rocap. Here he joined the Olney Presbyterian Church and continued his faithful service in the work of the Kingdom.

Until 1908 Wyoming Avenue was a narrow, dirt road. A normal rainfall rendered the street almost impassable and the long trailing skirts of the feminine members of the congregation, as well as the highly polished boots of the gentlemen, suffered greatly on many occasions. It was with great joy, therefore, that the Church congregation learned that Wyoming Avenue was to be widened and paved. At the time, the Ladies' Aid Society paid \$135 for a cement sidewalk eighty feet long in front of the Church. That year, the Ladies' Aid gave a piano to the Sunday School and made a cash contribution to the current expenses of the Church.

The year 1908 marked a period of great growth in the Church spiritually, as well as financially.

The Christian Endeavor Society had 125 actively interested members. The Church was represented in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Services, and received great blessing. Through the active, personal work of Pastor Hookway and the people, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, twenty-six persons were baptized. The Young Ladies' Society of Cheerful Workers did a quiet, fine work among the sick and the poor, and clothed a child at the Orphanage. The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, numbering thirty men, took an active interest in spreading the Gospel in the community. The Ushers' Association, the Pleasant Hour League of sixty young men

and boys, the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, all carried on a splendid work.

During this year, also, a Junior Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church was organized by the Pastor, consisting of forty-nine members, which a year later numbered 105. The Junior Church met at first on Monday evening and conducted its service and its business



PASTOR HOOKWAY IN 1910

like the main Church. The sermon took the form of an illustrated Bible story. Mr. Henry Turner showed the pictures with his "magic lantern." He had a great talent for work of this kind and he made many of the slides himself.

With the advent of 1909, the men built a room for themselves in the basement of the Church. The greater part of the material was donated. Pastor Hookway, who was a cabinetmaker before he entered the ministry, did the carpentry work and helped with the concreting. Brethren Robert Boone, Joseph Jones, William McBride, Andrew Hansen, Oscar Kennedy, James Neilson, and Samuel McClay helped with this task. In addition, at the instigation

of and with financial aid from the Ladies' Aid Society, these men also built a kitchen and a recreation room.

The conclusion of ten years of organized Church life found the membership in 1910 at 163 with a Sunday School enrollment of 414. Among the names prominent in our Church records of that date, besides those already mentioned are: Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Batt, Mr. Harry Baumeister, Mr. John C. Decker, Mr. Albert Hardiman, Mr. J. W. Holthaus, Mr. Benjamin Knowles, Mr. Reuben Kreider, Mrs. Clara Laurilliard, Mr. John McCourt, Mr. Hugh MacMurtrie, Mr. Walter Pickenhahn, Mr. David Ross, and Mr. Louis T. Smith. These men and women and members of their families did exceedingly well in carrying forward the Cause of the Lord in the community.

When the Baptist World Alliance held its meeting in Philadelphia in 1911, the Church entertained fifteen delegates from different parts of the world. At that time Pastor Hookway had the great pleasure of entertaining as a guest in his home Rev. Frank Durbin, minister of the Church in which as a boy of thirteen Pastor Hookway had accepted Christ and followed Him in baptism. Mr. Durbin preached at Wyoming on Sunday morning, June 15, 1911, and brought greetings from the Baptist Church in Bideford, Devon, England.

It is interesting to note the activity in the Church in 1911. The Sunday services were as follows:

BROTHERHOOD OF ANDREW AND PHILIP	9:45 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP	10:45 A.M.
BIBLE SCHOOL	2:30 P.M.
MEN'S LEAGUE	2:45 P.M.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVCR	6:45 P.M.
EVENING WORSHIP	7:45 P.M.

During the years from 1906 to 1913 the Church published a very interesting monthly bulletin called *The Onward*. This was published under the auspices of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Pastor Hookway edited the paper and a representative of every department of the work was an associate editor. Many items of interest that would now be lost are contained in the pages of this monthly messenger. Mr. David Ross selected the name *The Onward*. Mr. John C. Decker worked hard for the success of the paper.

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The first copy of *The Onward* mentions the names of the following persons as being connected with the work of the Church in various fields: Elizabeth, Alice, and John Rushton, Mrs. Corwell, Florence Smith, Marion Collamer, Margaret and William McKelvey, Mary and Thomas McCready, May Megee, Leonard Hucknall, George Heckman, Herman Mayer, Jesse Leidy, Charles Graff, Walter Jordan, Raymond Batt, Horace Fenton, Daniel J. Lehr, Benjamin C. Powers, John Winning, Winfield Donat, Jennie Poultney, Anna Cotton, Stella Langhorne, Augusta Offner, Cora Wunder, and Emily, Kathryn and Allen Mays. Many other names that already have been mentioned in these pages appeared in the same issue. *The Onward* for August 1911 mentions the fact that many of the Church organizations were seeking to combine business with pleasure by having their meetings in Burholme Park. It states that Dr. D. L. Suiter was a frequent, welcome visitor to the Men's League. The P. H. L. ball games were of great interest. Managers Sheppard and Schattler arranged interesting games with other church teams. Many of the members and friends of the Church accompanied the boys to their games. The Girls' Auxiliary formed an important adjunct to the team. A good play in the game was fully appreciated and applauded by them. The trips to Parkland were welcomed and afforded a great deal of pleasure.

In 1911, at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, the subject of a new building to replace the frame Church was broached. Mrs. Georgianna Wilson immediately gave \$5 to start the fund. The Ladies' Aid voted to take \$25 from their treasury to increase the fund to \$30. They presented this amount to the Trustees and it formed a nucleus for the Building Fund. This fund grew very slowly in the beginning, but it was a start.

At a special meeting of the Church on November 18, 1912 it was resolved to purchase the property adjoining the Church, 127 E. Wyoming Avenue, as a parsonage. This house was built by Mr. George Seibold, and had been occupied for two years by Dr. Ernest Laubaugh, a member and strong supporter of the Church. The cost of the property was \$4,500. The house stood alone at the east side of the lawn surrounding the frame Church building. Pastor Hookway paid \$20 a month rent for three years in order to pay off a note that the Church assumed when the parsonage was purchased.

The Onward for October 1913 includes the following note: "We extend congratulations to the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church on the installation of their Pastor, Rev. Lytle Roger Free,

and wish for the Pastor a long and happy continuance of the newly-formed relation. To Mrs. Free and the other members of the household, we also extend a cordial welcome and greeting."

Another item of special interest that appeared in the same issue was this: "Cupid has been busy bringing lives together during the past summer, and has led several couples to the Baptist Parsonage. We note on the list William Harvey and Elizabeth Gross; Ernest Carter and Elizabeth Klumpp; Charles Rudolph and Reba Wildonger; Allan R. Busch and Anna Cotton; Harry Harrison and Jane M. Hepworth; William McKendry and Elizabeth H. Gearhart; Maurice Wood and Edna Moll; and George Poultney and Anna Rittenhouse. We wish them all happiness."

About this time, Mr. Fred S. Brink, in an effort to raise the business ability and standards of the young people in the Church, offered to instruct them in a course in shorthand. The class met in Mr. Brink's home and the instruction was given without charge. Many members of the P. H. L. and others in the Church took advantage of Mr. Brink's kindness and generosity.

In 1914, Mr. Walter E. Capper, a member of the Church, entered Crozer Theological Seminary to begin his training for the ministry. Mr. Capper and his wife, the former Miss Sally Ewing, had been active and very helpful in the work at Wyoming.

In the same year the Sunday School organized a Home Department consisting of fifty members. During the month of November 1914, the Church carried on a Self-Denial Season hoping to alleviate a deficiency in the Church treasury. Envelopes were distributed to members and interested friends. The season terminated with a social in the Church on Thanksgiving night. The result was the addition of \$375 to the treasury of the Church.

During the years of his ministry, Pastor Hookway took an active part in the civic affairs of the community. He was eager that the quality of the neighborhood be kept as high as possible. Many times he and the leaders of the Church petitioned City Hall to keep saloons and motion picture houses as far from the Church as possible. Through their instrumentality in 1914 the building permit for a motion picture theatre at "A" Street and Wyoming Avenue was refused.

Unfortunately, in 1914, the Church felt it necessary to erase the names of 49 inactive members. The following year, however, saw a change in this condition. In 1915, Billy Sunday came to Philadelphia and held a great evangelistic campaign. Protestant churches

all over the city and vicinity participated in the services. A huge temporary tabernacle was built in center city and the crowds attending were so great that many were turned away daily because of lack of accommodations. A mighty interest in Christianity became apparent. The souls of hundreds of people were saved at that time, and many people who had drifted away from the work of the Lord were quickened in Christian ardor. The floor of the tabernacle was covered with sawdust and those who took a stand for Christ walked to the front of the tabernacle to signify their decision. Many people who "Hit the Sawdust Trail" united with Wyoming. That year there were 79 baptisms in the Church and others came into the membership through letter and experience making a total of 116 additions to Wyoming in 1915. In 1916 forty-seven persons united with the Church through baptism. That year the Church membership was 303, and the Sunday school reached an all-time high record of 617 members. The Building Fund that was started so bravely with \$30 had increased to \$700.

At this time the Choir was directed by Mr. Edward Hope. He and Mrs. Hope sang with the Choir at worship services. Other fine solo voices that were heard in the Choir were those of Misses Emma DeHaven, Florence Heckman, Etta Lukens, Jennie Neilson, Mae Seibold, Florence Smith, Ethel Subers, Mrs. George Lukens, Mrs. R. Krider, John Taylor, Howard McNeil, Benjamin Knowles, George Heckman, and George Jones.

In 1916, the Church suffered a loss in the moving of the family of Mr. H. N. Baumeister to Jersey City. Mr. Baumeister was Treasurer of the Church at the time. He and his son, Edward, were Trustees. Mr. Baumeister was a Deacon, and all the family took an active part in the work. Mr. Bernard Schattler was elected to succeed Mr. Baumeister as Treasurer.

In September 1916, Mr. William C. Wilson became the Clerk of the Church. The Church minutes of this period prove very interesting reading, as recorded in Mr. Wilson's inimitable style. The following is his description of the Ladies' Aid Society in 1916:

"One Human Dynamo and sixty-six Live Wires constitute the Ladies' Aid. Sister Jones presses the button and they're off to the firing line. In efficiency and volume of work they have excelled all former achievements."

The "Sister Jones" to whom Mr. Wilson refers was Mrs. Katherine S. Jones, widow of Charles H. Jones. Mrs. Jones lived in the mansion at Wyoming and "C" Street, formerly occupied by the

Titlow family. She became President of the Ladies' Aid Society in 1914. She took an interest in everything connected with that position, and was never too busy to do any work that needed to be done in the Church, whether it was cleaning out closets and cabinets, or acting as hostess at social affairs.

The minutes of December 11, 1916, read as follows:

"Brother William J. McNeil, acting as Moderator, called for the reading of the Fourth Recommendation of the Board, which is as follows: 'You who are men and women of family no doubt fully realize and know the present abnormal cost of living conditions. These conditions affect all alike, both Pastor and people. In order to meet that condition and to enable your Faithful Pastor to more readily accommodate himself and family to these changed circumstances, we would strongly urge upon you the recommendation that you permit him to use the Parsonage for his residence beginning with the New Year FREE of rent.' This recommendation was unanimously complied with. It was also voted that the December rent be donated toward a happy Christmas."

Mr. Wilson's minutes give us glimpses of many other items of interest.

"Mr. Walter E. Capper was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in our Church on May 3, 1917. The well-filled house, the many gifts, not only from boyhood friends, but from present-day friends, are ample proof of the high esteem in which he is held."

July 28, 1917. "Needs stimulate deeds. We need a new Church. Who will discover a way that we may realize our possibilities? In the past we have met emergencies. If we were ever challenged to make good, the time is now. Let's make more and better history next year."

During the summer of 1917 a religious census of the community was taken by a special committee of the Church. Mr. Wilson has included the following notes in the Church minutes:

"The Brown Twins (Letty and Marie) and their mandolins have been improving the talent that God has given them . . . not only in boosting the Christian Endeavor with their melodies, but in being the FIRST to turn in their census report, all of which was well done. Sister Knox was second to turn in her report, but the first census-taker to bring a new member to our Sunday School and Church. Sisters Cuthill and Marshall were third to send in full returns in their house-to-house canvass.

"All's well with our Church. The Board of Trustees are well organized. The President, Mr. J. W. Holthaus, is farsighted and quick to act, and is unanimously supported by the Board and the Church. The finances are well cared for and all bills are liquidated with promptness. No bills are contracted until a way is provided for payment of them.

"Peace and harmony reign with the Board of Deacons. They are heart in hand with the Pastor and the spiritual end of the Church has attained a high standard.

"The increased membership of the Ladies' Aid is encouraging for a greater future under the leadership of our energetic President, Mrs. Jones.

"The Ushers' Association, on a par with the Ladies' Aid, has been instrumental in accomplishing most wonderful results, both socially and laboriously and financially. Success is due to the fact that they are unanimously united in the upbuilding of our Church.

"Our Church is one harmonious body of Christian workers. Our Pastor is laboring with untiring zeal with the co-operation of the membership of our Church.

(Signed) William C. Wilson, Church Clerk."

During this period Mr. Frederick Bluett was a loyal member of the Church. He was a Deacon and a Sunday School teacher. He could be called upon to preach at Sunday services and Prayer Meeting. He and his family were active in the work until they moved away.

At the time the United States entered the Great World War, the members of the Church came forward to "do their bit" in every way possible. The following men were in active service:

HONOR ROLL—WORLD WAR I—1916-1918

GEORGE ARMSTRONG	WILLIAM CORWELL	JESSE LEIDY
WILLIAM H. BALDWIN	A. ALLEN CORWELL	GEORGE H. LUKENS, JR.
LESTER L. BAXTER	WILLIAM C. DECKER	WESLEY McBRIDE
GEORGE BAUMEISTER	GEORGE W. ELLIS, JR.	HOWARD McNEIL
RAYMOND L. BATT	B. T. FESMIER	HARRY MUCKENFUSS
WALTER J. BIRCHER	J. H. FESMIER	DANIEL MURPHY
JOSEPH BIRCHER	M. FESMIER	ALBERT OFTENDINGER
RICHARD BIRCHER	WILLIAM FIRTH	HARRY C. OSBORNE
W. F. BISPELS	HARRY GREAVES	HARRY PLEWS
RAYMOND J. BITTLE	JOHN M. GRIFFITH	W. PORTER
WILLIAM T. BLAIR, JR.	WALTER HANNS	STANLEY ROSS
PAUL BLAIR	ELWOOD W. HENRY	RAYMOND L. SMITH
HOWARD E. BROOKS	JOHN HUDSON	ROBERT SMITH
ALFRED D. BUSSINGER	CLARENCE G. HUSTLER	BERNARD SCHATTLER, JR.
HERBERT CARRADICE	CHARLES S. KELLEY	SAMUEL STUBBS
JOHN V. CHISM	ERNEST LAUBAUGH, M.D.	SAMUEL WISMER

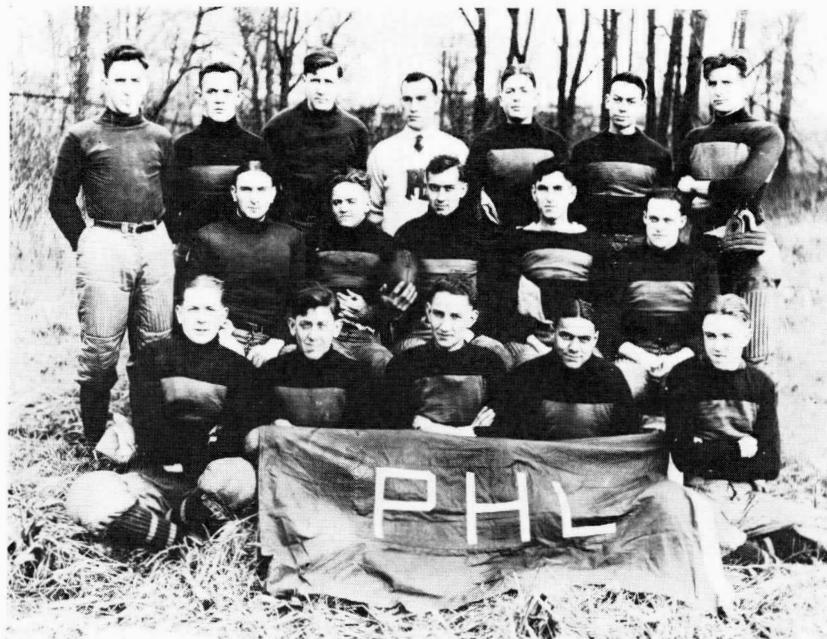
Former Members

BENJAMIN KNOWLES
CHARLES A. REED—*Croix de Guerre*

Died in France

WILLIAM MOODIE HASTIE

HOWARD B. REDNER



The P.H.L. Football Team of 1919

At this time Mr. George Jones and his family moved to another part of the state. Mr. Jones's voice was greatly missed in the Choir music. He had been Financial Secretary of the Church for a time, and had held other offices.

On July 2, 1918, under the leadership of Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, eighteen girls were registered at the Girl Scout Headquarters in New York as the Philadelphia Girl Scout Troop 105. The fact that World War I was still being fought gave the Girl Scouts an opportunity to sell Liberty Bonds, roll bandages for the Red Cross, learn their Scout work, and pass tests for the First Aid, Home Nursing, and other practical badges in the program. Mrs. Hookway turned over to Mrs. McCard and Miss Thoms the leadership of the troop in 1919. In 1920, Miss Lillian Watt who was then Field Captain of District 4, asked Miss Hedwig Stehli to take charge of the troop. At this time there were thirty-one girls working hard to make the troop a success. As a part of their Scout service they made garments for the Red Cross, went to hospitals to roll bandages, visited day nurseries, entertained and played games with the little ones, and supplied baskets for the needy.

On March 10, 1920, the Church passed a set of resolutions to take steps toward securing a new building. The Board of Trustees was authorized to take such action as they deemed necessary to commence operations, and Pastor Hookway was requested to appoint at least twenty active members to assist the Trustees in securing and collecting monthly pledges toward a fund to be used in financing the new building project.

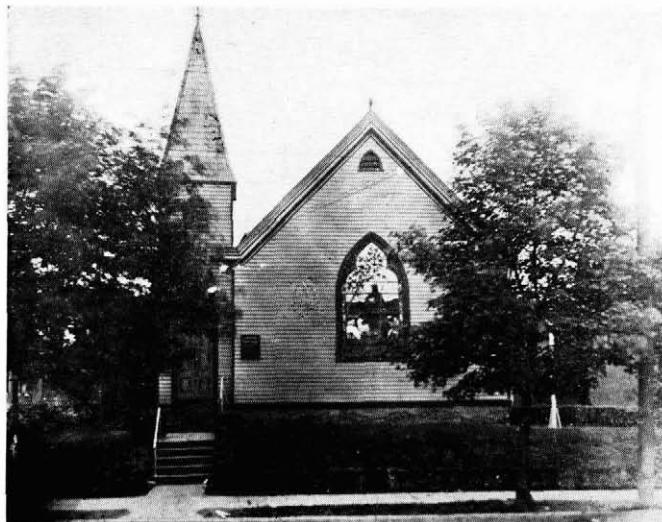
In September 1920, Pastor Hookway celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as minister of the Church. In honor of this occasion, the Church raised his salary to \$1,500 a year. The Church minutes of that period record the following tribute in the words of Mr. William C. Wilson:

"Experience is the greatest human teacher, and down through the years our beloved Pastor has had varied experiences, not only pointing us toward heaven, but leading the way. . . . At all times he teaches by word and example that in God's work there are no intermissions, no recesses, but God's work must go on. . . . Under his guiding hand we have grown in numbers and strength. Peace and harmony reign supreme in our midst, and we are pressing on to our high calling which is in Jesus our Lord."

In 1920 the net worth of the Church property was estimated at \$19,427. The building Fund showed a total of \$2,993.

The young people of the Church found a great deal of pleasure in giving a series of plays written by Arthur Radcliffe, a retired minister. "The New Minister," "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet," and several other plays dealt in a humorous and interesting fashion with the various phases of the life and work of a church. They represented a great deal of work and an equal amount of fun for the cast, and for Mrs. Hookway, who directed them. The plays were given on Thanksgiving night, for several consecutive years. They were very popular and provided an evening of good entertainment for the crowds who attended. The spirit of thanksgiving was stressed on these occasions.

Part Four
1921 • **1934** In 1921, a "Monthly Bulletin" was published for the purpose of sustaining interest in the Building Fund by recording the progress of the treasury. In addition, it was to be a medium for reporting the activities of the organizations of the Church, and furnishing inspirational material for the members and friends of the Church. Pastor Hookway was the Editor of the "Monthly Bulletin" and the staff consisted of officers of the Church and Sunday School, including J. W. Holthaus, William J. McNeil, D. L. Griffenberg, Mrs. Hookway, B. H. Schattler, William Lobley, Herbert Carradice, John



The Church About 1920

Mitchell, Walter H. Grimm, and Harry E. DeGroot, who was Superintendent of the Sunday School at this time.

On December 8, 1921, a beautiful rainbow wedding took place in the little frame Church. Mr. Bennett O. Mitten and Miss Annie Pallet were married by Pastor Hookway. The wedding party was the largest in the Church's history up to that time, consisting of the bride and groom, seven bridal attendants, each dressed in a different color, and seven men. The congregation was so large that the walls of the Church seemed to bulge with the number of people who crowded into the building.

It was apparent that the Church building would not accommodate many such crowds without having extensive repairs. The auditorium was very well built, but constant use for thirty years had weakened the structure considerably. The roof of the Sunday School building was badly in need of repair. Mrs. Hookway, who had recently succeeded Mrs. Katherine S. Jones as President of the Ladies' Aid Society, brought before that organization a plan to secure the funds to repair the Sunday School roof. She suggested that if the organization should expand its membership to 100 women, and each of the 100 should bring in ten dollars, the \$1000 necessary for repairing the roof would be available. The money was to be collected from members and friends of the Church. Some of the

women were aghast at the idea. "Ten dollars?" asked one. "I don't know where I would go to collect ten cents." "And in one month!" said another.

However, the campaign was launched, and the members went to work with a will. Instead of 100 women, there were 34. At the next meeting of the Ladies' Aid in March 1922, the women gathered with shining eyes and eager hearts. Mrs. Elizabeth Carradice, one of the oldest members participating, walked proudly to the front of the room and presented \$80 that she had collected. Many of the ladies had been able to secure more than \$100, and each one walked happily to the front of the room and turned in the result of her efforts. Mr. Brink recorded the amounts on the blackboard, and the ladies watched with bated breath while he added the list. The total was \$1,165. The money continued to come in during the next month, and the \$1,000 campaign that looked so impossible netted more than \$1,400.

The money was turned over to the Treasurer of the Church to be used for roof repairs. However, the official boards decided that if this substantial amount were added to the Building Fund, it would be possible to start on the new building at once. The Pastor appointed a Building Committee for Construction to investigate and determine the character, style, and extent of the improvements, alterations and new building best adapted to meet the requirements of the work, and financial ability. The Board of Trustees was authorized to arrange for financing. Plans and specifications for the new building were drawn up by the architects, Heacock and Hokanson. The contract for the reconstruction of the brick Sunday School building was given to Mr. Thomas Dalley. The work was started in September 1922.

Mrs. Hookway resigned from the presidency of the Ladies' Aid in November 1922. Mrs. Stella Reeves was elected to that position.

Pastor Hookway was interested in the Boy Scout movement and was eager to have a troop in the Church. Under the leadership of Mr. Oliver Woodruff, a troop was organized. Mr. Woodruff's death at an early age left the troop without a leader in 1923. At this time, Pastor Hookway providentially came into contact with Mr. George W. Stritzel who was Scoutmaster of a troop that was seeking a new meeting place. On an invitation from the Pastor, Mr. Stritzel and his group met in Wyoming and the troop was reorganized to include both groups. The Charter of Mr. Stritzel's group, Troop 210, was transferred to the Church in February 1923. Troop

210's original charter, however, was granted in February 1917 when the troop was located at the Fourth Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

In June 1923, the frame building was torn down. A local paper, *The Northeast Review*, carried an article that shows how the community felt about the little Church surrounded by its wide, grassy lawns:

HISTORIC BUILDING DISAPPEARS

The disappearance of the old building of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church means much to our community, and the memory of the quaint and picturesque building will linger long. From the beginning of the community, over thirty years, the Church was a pioneer on the field and has stood with its spire pointing upward and the familiar picture of the Great Shepherd standing out clearly. The Rev. Hookway, its pastor, has faithfully devoted the best years of his life to making it stand for loving service in the name of Jehovah. His study often is lit by midnight oil as he searches for the truth. He has tried to promote an atmosphere of welcome and courtesy to all. The life and growth of this Church have not been easy, and the obstacles it has overcome have been phenomenal. Just a few persistent, loyal workers have allowed nothing to discourage them. There is a substantial Sunday School building in the rear, which is now being used for church services, and an adjoining parsonage. With the increased growth in the community, may it not be long before we behold the completed new building.

In September 1923, a Building Committee was appointed for the construction of the new Church basement. The contract for building this part of the Church was awarded to Thomas C. Trafford. At the time the basement was erected, the main entrance and tower of the Church were built, and a passageway led from the entrance back to the brick building. In 1924 the Church was able to borrow \$5,000 without interest from the Baptist Union of Philadelphia. Many other loans had to be made in order to carry on the work.

With the approach of winter 1924, it was discovered that a new heating plant was necessary for the Church. Mrs. Alberta Smith originated a plan for raising the money for the new heating system. This plan netted \$1,790 which nearly covered the cost of the new heating system: \$1,857. The heating system was installed by friends and members of the Church at a saving to the Church of \$1,200.

At this time, Rev. Harry E. DeGroot and his family moved out of the vicinity. He resigned his office of Superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. DeGroot's ministerial training made him valuable in the pulpit and in Prayer Meeting. Mr. Joseph King became Superintendent in 1925.

In November 1926, the Church suffered a loss in the death of Mrs. Carolina H. Adams. Mrs. Adams' name is the second one on the Church books. From the time of her coming into the Church she took an active part in all branches of the work. For about thirty years she was Treasurer of the Sunday School. She was very active in the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. Adams' funeral service was held in the brick Sunday School room in which the Church was then holding worship services.

After the Church sanctuary was torn down the attendance decreased. People do not like to walk up an alley or even through



The Church and Adjoining Parsonage in 1925

a temporary passageway to worship. Many folks were chased away by the heavy financial obligations that the Church had assumed. There were few baptisms because the accommodations were poor and people wanted to wait until the new baptistry was completed. However, there were some who came into the membership at this time. One of them, Mr. Robert Woodside, proved to be of great worth to the Church in both a spiritual and a financial way. Mr. Woodside brought his letter from the Bethesda Baptist Church. When the time came to appoint a Building Committee to handle the construction of the new sanctuary, Pastor Hookway appointed Mr. Woodside to act as Chairman of that Committee.

The Church property had to be refinanced in January 1927, to arrange for continuing the building program. At this time Mr. Woodside allowed the Church to mortgage his home on Ninth Street near Bristol Street in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. J. W.

Holthaus, Treasurer of the Church and a very active member of the Building Committee, also allowed the Church to take a \$5,500 mortgage on his home on Rosehill Street, above Wyoming Avenue. The Church body extended a rising vote of thanks to Brothers Woodside and Holthaus for their generosity and sacrifice in the interest of our new building proposition.

The Board of Trustees was empowered to borrow from the Feltonville Building and Loan Association the sum of \$9,000 on a first mortgage on the parsonage. The Board was authorized at this time to borrow from the Frankford Trust Company the sum of \$30,000 on a first mortgage on the Church and Sunday School buildings.

The contract for the sanctuary was awarded to Thomas C. Trafford for \$40,139. This figure was exclusive of the electrical work and the pipe organ. The financing of this amount of money entailed carrying charges of \$428 a month. For several years the Ladies' Aid and the Sunday School each contributed \$100 a month toward this indebtedness. Many of the members pledged to contribute a certain amount each month, often making the contribution at a great sacrifice to themselves.

The week of January 8, 1928 saw the realization of a high ambition—the dedication of the beautiful Church building. On Sunday morning, Dr. W. H. Main, Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, preached the sermon. Dr. Adam Geibel, celebrated blind organist and composer, officiated at the beautiful new Estey pipe organ, a gift from Mr. James Hulton, Sr., in memory of his wife, Mary A. Hulton. The Sunday School met in the sanctuary in honor of the occasion. In the evening, Dr. W. T. Elmore, of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the address.

On Monday evening, Boy and Girl Scout Night, the Boy Scouts, represented by William Stritzel, presented a large silk American flag to adorn the Church platform. The Girl Scouts, represented by Velma Eibner, presented a large silk Christian flag to be placed on the Church platform. These lovely gifts were accepted with thanks by Pastor Hookway, who prided himself on being the only man who could claim honorary membership in the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

On Tuesday night, the Ladies were in charge. Mrs. H. H. Skerrett made the address. The Hilyard Quartette provided special

music and the Ladies' Aid Society served refreshments after the service.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. Adam Geibel again visited and told the very interesting story of his life. He composed a tune on the new organ and played many selections for the appreciative audience.

Thursday night was Denominational Night presided over by Mr. W. D. Gherky. The following Philadelphia Baptist ministers brought greetings in behalf of the bodies they represented: Dr. O. T. Steward for the Baptist Union of Philadelphia; Dr. Groves W. Drew for the Baptist Ministers' Conference; Rev. H. G. Weston Smith conveyed the greetings of the North Philadelphia Association of Baptist Churches; Rev. W. J. Lockhart for the Northeast Baptist Social Union; Prof. A. E. Harris, D.D., for Crozer and Eastern Seminaries; Rev. A. F. Ballbach for Bethany Baptist Church; and Rev. Eric A. Oesterle, for Olney Baptist Church.

The Friday evening service was conducted by the Sunday School and the Junior Church. Mr. Joseph King, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Rev. Harry E. DeGroot, a former superintendent, each had a part in the program. Mrs. A. B. Cain, teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class, outlined the history of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Sunday School. There were tableaux and exercises by the pupils of the Junior Church and the Sunday School.

The final Sunday of Dedication Week was Church Homecoming Day. Pastor Hookway preached. The Sunday School and the Young People's Society both had Rally Day.

The Choir under the leadership of Mr. Walter E. Mansley presented special music at most of the Dedication services.

The gifts of many people beautified the new Church. The pipe organ and the two flags have been mentioned. The electrical wiring was done by the Herman Mayer Company. The wiring installation as well as the lighted star and cross were gifts of Mr. Herman Mayer and his sister, Lena. Through the services of Dr. Harris we received a new pulpit rug and additional pews. Pastor Hookway presented one hundred copies of *The New Baptist Hymnal*.

The pulpit stand was presented in memory of Mr. Milton C. Langhorne; the Communion Table was a gift from Mrs. Cuthill's Bible School class; the three pulpit chairs came from the Men's Bible Class; Rev. H. E. DeGroot presented the two hymnboards; Mrs.

Alberta Smith gave the flower stand in memory of her husband, Mr. William J. Smith. The pulpit Bible was given by the Ladies' Aid, and the pulpit hymnal by Dr. A. E. Harris. The choir chairs were presented by Mrs. Sophie Johnson Hunter, in memory of her father and mother, Harry Y. and Elizabeth Johnson.



A Ladies' Picnic in 1928

The large window on the west side of the building was a memorial to William and Carolina Adams. The three windows on Wyoming Avenue were memorials to Mr. George E. Hermann, Mr. and Mrs. George Poultney, and Mrs. Elizabeth Walmsley. Other windows were given in memory of Thomas Harvey, Dorothy G. Powers, Frederick V. Marshall, Mrs. John Hoffner, Katherine Walmsley, Mary G. Fly, Frank W. Fly, Conrad Frederick Rau, IV, Thomas F. Grouse, William Carradice, Harry S. Tull, Raymond J. Cubler, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey F. Seeler, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. David Stephens, John T. Rushton. The Boy Scouts, the Ladies' Aid, and the Men's Bible Class each gave a window. The plates for all the memorials were engraved and presented to the Church by Mr. Raymond Frank.

These gifts and the Church Edifice with all its promise and prophecy of enlarged spiritual achievement, were dedicated to Almighty God.

After the dedication of the new building, the Church's aspect brightened. Attendance more than doubled. Seventy-five new members joined the Sunday School. There were thirty-two baptisms during the year.

The first wedding in the new Church took place on April 14, 1928, when William Connon and Elizabeth Bittle were married by Pastor Hookway.

The Building Fund obligations of the Church were exceedingly heavy. The interest charges on the mortgages and notes were staggering, to say nothing of the principal. The Finance Committee and Trustees felt the need of outside help in reducing the debt. On December 4, 1929, at a special meeting of the Church, the Loyalty Crusade, conducted by the Presbyterian Department of Building Fund Campaigns was explained. The Church voted to secure this service to aid in the reduction of the building indebtedness. The members, organizations, and friends of the Church made pledges to be paid over a period of fifty months. The Crusade was conducted successfully and the final result netted the Building Fund approximately \$20,000. Among outstanding contributions from those who were not members of the Church was a gift of more than \$1,100 from Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Toulson.

In the summer of 1930, the Church granted Pastor Hookway, now in his thirty-fifth year of service at Wyoming, a leave of absence of ten weeks to visit his birthplace in England. Pastor Hookway came to America in 1888 and never had returned to his home.

On the Wednesday evening before Pastor Hookway sailed, more than three hundred members and friends of the Church gathered together at a Prayer Meeting to bid farewell to him and his son, J. Arthur, Jr., who accompanied him on his trip. The Prayer Service was followed by an enthusiastic reception in the Social Room of the Church, at which Mrs. Stella Reeves presided. The Community Orchestra, conducted by Mr. George Altman, provided splendid music. Pastor Hookway received a gift of \$250 from the Church and many other fine and useful gifts from organizations and friends. The ladies served delicious refreshments which added greatly to the joy of this truly happy occasion.

Pastor Hookway and Arthur left New York on June 28. They spent most of their time abroad in England. They also spent some time in Oberammergau and in other parts of Germany, Belgium, and France. They returned on September 2, 1930. During Pastor Hookway's absence, Dr. A. E. Harris rendered the important service of supplying denominational leaders, seminary professors, and other able men of God to bring inspiring messages each Sunday. These men came to Wyoming without expense to the Church.



REV. JOHN A. HOOKWAY

In 1931 Mr. Joseph Walls obtained for the Church the large wooden cross that stands at the rear of the sanctuary to receive offering envelopes. This cross had been the property of the then recently dissolved Fairhill Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Walls and daughter Ethel had come into our membership from Fairhill. Others who brought their letters to Wyoming from Fairhill were Mrs. Sophie Miller, Mrs. Regina Kern, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Laycock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Frank, and Mrs. Lola Weiler and her son, Edwin. Rev. John Zopfi served the Fairhill Baptist Church as Pastor for several years before becoming a member of Wyoming.

In the spring of 1931, Rev. Theodore Elsner held two weeks of evangelistic services with us. His ministry was a great blessing to the Church.

For some years Pastor Hookway had been trying to interest in the work of the Church a young man in the community, Mr. A. Arthur Turner. In 1931 Mr. and Mrs. Turner joined and began to take an active part in the Church life. Mr. Turner willingly went to work in the Men's Bible Class, and the membership and attendance showed an immediate increase. Mrs. Elizabeth Turner entered into the activities of the Church and Sunday School.

In October 1931 Pastor Hookway had a very serious physical collapse. He was not able to take his place in the pulpit for six months. Dr. Harris again came to the help of the Church and obtained inspiring, capable preachers, teachers, and leaders. Dr. Harris again secured this service without charge to the Church. The officers of the Church, members of the Young People's Society, and other organizations cared for the Prayer Meetings.

January 1932 found Charles A. Dear, a member of Wyoming and a student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, requesting the Church to grant him a license to preach. The Church gladly complied with this request. Mr. Dear then received a call to take the leadership of the work at the Crescentville Baptist Mission.

At the July 1932 business meeting of the Church, Mrs. Clara Laurilliard resigned as Financial Secretary. She had served the Church faithfully in that office and in many other official and non-official capacities over a period of several years. She resigned because she was moving from the city. Mr. A. Arthur Turner was elected to the office of Financial Secretary. In the fall of the same year, Mr. T. Fred Castor resigned as Chorister. Mr. Castor and his wife, Sophie, and Mr. and Mrs. John Castor had contributed greatly to the choir music for several years. Mr. A. Arthur Turner was elected to fill the position of Chorister.

A new form of Communion Service was adopted by the Church during the month of October 1932. The ordinance was incorporated into the entire morning service, instead of being held after the worship service. The Pastor, Deacons, and their assistants sat at the Communion table during the service, and had a part in the Scripture, prayers, and announcements, as well as in administering the elements. This new form of service met with unanimous approval, and became a custom.

The year 1933 began with the resignation of Mr. J. W. Holthaus as Treasurer of the Church, an office he had held since 1917. Mr. Holthaus devoted many years of faithful service to the work of the Church. His enthusiasm for a new building kept this subject constantly in the minds and on the hearts of the people. Mr. Holthaus was for a time Secretary of the Ushers' Association, President of the Men's League, a Trustee, as well as Treasurer of the Church. Mrs. Holthaus was greatly interested in missionary work and was President of the Missionary Society for a time. She was Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School for about two years.

She was active in the Ladies' Aid and in the Ladies' Bible Class. Mr. and Mrs. Holthaus and their daughters, Kathryn and Julia, were regular attendants at worship services. Kathryn was organist of the Church for a year.

Mr. Robert Woodside was elected to the office of Treasurer to succeed Mr. Holthaus. A special effort was made at this time to refinance the Church indebtedness. The Feltonville Building and Loan Association, the Frankford Trust Company, and Mr. F. S. Brink rendered great assistance to the Finance Committee and Trustees during this period. Miss Kathryn Smith and Mr. A. Arthur Turner, as members of the Finance Committee, prepared a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Church. This concentrated effort resulted in a decrease of \$6,083 in the Church indebtedness during the year 1933.

April 1934 found the Church taking action to hold in membership the members of the Crescentville Baptist Mission until the organization of their Church. Their Pastor, Mr. Charles Dear, was granted the use of our baptistry until such time as Crescentville should have its own facilities.

In July 1934, the Church voted to thank Mr. McTamney of Clover Coal Company for the generous credit slip he had included with our coal bill.

October 1934 marked the month when a new plan to raise \$3,000 for our Building Fund was launched. Miss Kathryn Smith was elected as "General" of the "Rainbow Campaign." Ten team captains were elected and they chose their own teams. Each team was assigned a color. The task of raising \$300 was assigned to each team. All kinds of schemes and plans were afoot for six months. Success marked the effort. The "Rainbow Campaign" ended with a total of \$3,020 turned over to the Building Fund.

On October 8, 1934, a joint meeting of the Pulpit Committee and the Board of Deacons was held to consider calling an assistant pastor. Pastor Hookway's health had been failing for some time, and his impaired hearing and vision made it difficult for him to carry on the work of an ever-growing field. Dr. A. E. Harris recommended Oliver Washington Hurst. Mr. Hurst had graduated from Wheaton College, and was a student in his final year at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. His work with Wyoming started the first Sunday in November 1934. He assisted Pastor Hookway in the morning services, especially with the ordinance of

Communion; he taught the Men's Bible Class, and conducted the evening service. Mr. Hurst's ability in leading the congregational singing and playing his trumpet contributed greatly to the evening services. The attendance increased perceptibly. The Deacons asked Mr. Hurst to supervise the work of the Young People's Society. Under his leadership the Society grew in numbers and interest.

On November 7, 1934, the Church passed a resolution to ask the Advisory Council to ordain Charles A. Dear.

From the beginning of the work at Wyoming, the Sunday School children from birth to nine years of age met in the Primary Department. The room on the northeast corner of the first floor was overcrowded. To teach this wide span of ages became more difficult.

In December 1934, the workers of the Primary Department and some of the mothers who brought their children to the department met together at the home of Mrs. Alberta Censky to organize the Children's Work according to the standards of the denomination. They formed a group known as The Children's Workers of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Sunday School, with Miss Elizabeth Robinson as President, Mrs. Florence Ball, Secretary, and Mrs. Anne Rhoades, Treasurer. Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, who had been superintendent and teacher of the Primary Department since 1913, was elected General Superintendent of the Children's Division.

The children were divided into four departments: Nursery (birth to three years old); Beginner (4-5 years old); Primary (6-8 years old); Junior (9-11 years old). Eventually, each of these groups had its own department room. The Nursery Department included the 2-3-year-old children, and the babies had a room of their own, with cribs and playpens.

When the children graduated from the Junior Department, they entered the Young People's Department.

Part Five 1935 April 20, 1935—in the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, Charles A. Dear was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. Prof. Carl H. Morgan, Th.D. of Eastern Seminary, Rev. I. L. Clark, Dr. A. E. Harris, and Pastor Hookway had a part in the service. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Charles A. Dear.

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1941 On April 28, 1935, Pastor Hookway resigned from the office he had loved and had held so faithfully and well for forty years. He had seen the Church membership grow from 35 in 1900 to 448. The Sunday School numbered 500. He felt that he could turn



Two Pastors Enjoying a Picnic

over to Mr. Hurst the shepherding of his flock. The Church voted to accept the resignation with the following motion: "We do now hereby accept the resignation tendered by our beloved Pastor, Rev. John A. Hookway, and in view of his long and faithful ministry of forty years, given to this Church, we do hereby and now elect him Pastor Emeritus, with a retiring allowance, together with the use of the parsonage as long as he desires."

At the same meeting it was voted to "invite to the pastorate of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, Oliver Washington Hurst, beginning with June 6, 1935."

Upon graduating from the Seminary in June, Mr. Hurst was ordained in his home church, Calvary Baptist Church, New York, N. Y. About thirty-five friends from Wyoming attended the ordination service.

July 7, 1935—Rev. Oliver W. Hurst accepted the call to become the Pastor of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, and was received into the fellowship by letter.

The year 1935 was a great year for the Men's Class. The highest attendance figure in the history of the class was registered

when Dr. Calvin Althouse, a department head at Central High School, addressed the Class—147 men were present. This was also the year the men had a total enrollment of 120.

Girl Scout Troop 105 was notified in 1935 that troops should be limited in membership to thirty-two scouts. Troop 105 since 1929 had numbered sixty-two Girl Scouts; so in 1936 five of the older girls left Troop 105 to start a new troop in the Tabor Lutheran Church. For the previous five years Troop 105 had supplied a Sunday School in the Kentucky mountains with gifts, candy, and clothing at Christmas time.

Pastor Hookway continued to take an active part in the work of the Church. He attended meetings of the official boards, preached part of the time during Pastor Hurst's vacation and at other times. He often was sent for to call on those who were ill or passing through bereavement.

In January 1936, Mr. Joseph King, after ten years of faithful service as Superintendent of the Sunday School, was succeeded by J. Arthur Hookway, Jr.

Spring 1936—the Rev. John Linton paid his first visit to Wyoming to conduct a series of evangelistic services. A day of prayer and meditation was set aside and seven cottage prayer meetings were held in preparation for these services. Mr. Linton endeared himself to the members and friends of the Church. Many people gave their hearts and lives to the Lord during his ministry here.

April 1936—the Wyoming Choir and the Choir of the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church combined to give a sacred cantata, "From Olivet to Calvary." Mr. John Roeger directed the combined Choirs.

October 1936—Mr. Robert Woodside resigned as Treasurer of the Church and his resignation was accepted with regret. A vote of thanks was given to him for his faithful service in this office and to Mrs. Woodside who had assisted him greatly in keeping the records.

December 1936—the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church and the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church combined in a series of evangelistic services.

Under Pastor Hurst's leadership, the Church was stimulated to great missionary endeavor. Missionary contributions increased 125 per cent in two years.

The Ladies' Aid Society kept up its noble work in contributing to the Building Fund. During the first three months of 1936 the Society's offering to the Fund was \$420. The Young People's Society had increased in membership to 53, and an Intermediate Society was organized, known as "The Pioneers." In addition, a "World-Wide Guild" had been organized. One of the sad moments of the year 1936 occurred on December 4, when Mrs. A. E. Harris passed away. She had been very active in all of the work of the Church, especially in the missionary work.

On January 1, 1937, Pastor Hurst married Miss Ethel Johnson, of Joliet, Illinois, at her home church. Upon their return from a honeymoon in Florida, Wyoming gave them a reception. They received a wedding gift of \$125 from the Church and many other gifts from the members and friends.

The annual business meeting held in January 1937 saw the election of Mr. Walter Grimm to the office of Treasurer to succeed Mr. Robert Woodside. Mr. Grimm and his wife, Anna, came into the Church in 1915 as a result of the Billy Sunday Campaign. Mr. and Mrs. Grimm contributed greatly to the advancement of the work at Wyoming through their many years of loyal service.

The year 1937 was characterized by a successful work with the children and intermediates of the Church. The Vacation Church School held in July had an enrollment of 190 and an average attendance of 113. Mrs. Hurst led the Junior Church, or Bible Story Hour with the able assistance of Mr. Henry Turner and his "Magic lantern." Mr. Turner's granddaughters, Marian and Dorothy Firth, were very helpful in this work. Also, the Junior Choir under the direction of Mr. Harold Hunt grew and contributed to the Sunday morning services with its fine choral selections.

Early in 1938 Pastor Hurst and others suggested that Bibles be placed in the pews. Deacon Edward Williamson was delegated the responsibility and evolved this plan. Each person desiring to give a Bible in memory of a loved one or friend contributed \$1.00. The same plan was followed in obtaining new hymnals. One hundred thirty Bibles and one hundred new hymnals were placed in the pews and dedicated on Mother's Day, 1938.

The Northern Baptist Convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in May 1938. Pastor and Mrs. Hurst attended this Convention.

Miss Virginia Hess, a member of Wyoming, applied to the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary for admission as a student in Religious Education, in July 1938.

In the fall of 1938, after Pastor Hurst asked to be relieved of the responsibility of leading the Choir, the Church secured the services of Mr. I. Hall Van Arsdale as Director.

During this year the Baptist Union found itself desperately in need of funds and approached Wyoming with the offer to accept \$2,300 in full settlement of the debt of \$4,600, if the Church could pay immediately. This amount of money was raised and the debt to the Baptist Union was cancelled.

In September 1938, Miss Hedwig Stehli after eighteen years of faithful and capable service resigned as Captain of Girl Scout Troop 105. Miss Mae Stephens and Miss Ruth McElroy took over the leadership.

November 9, 1938, Mrs. John A. Hookway resigned as organist of the Church. Mrs. Hookway (then Edna Walmsley) started to play the Church organ in 1898. During the intervening forty years, she held the position most of the time, often training the Choir as well. Others who either held the position for a short period, or substituted for Mrs. Hookway at various times were: Miss Martha McCreedy, Mrs. Harry Dodson (formerly Miss Edna Schaeffer), Mr. A. H. Brown, Miss Laura Kennedy, Miss Rose Price, Miss Kathryn Holthaus, Miss Anna Hindle, Miss Irene Smith, and Mr. Walter Spangenberg.

At the Christmas morning service, 1938, the Church presented Mrs. Hookway with a beautiful gold wristwatch in appreciation of her years of faithful service.

Mrs. Mildred N. Brown succeeded Mrs. Hookway.

The year 1939 opened with great promise. The building indebtedness, a staggering \$55,788 in 1933, had been reduced to \$32,500. Pastor Hurst's annual salary was raised to \$1,700.

In the spring of the year Mr. and Mrs. Osterhouse held two weeks' services at Wyoming. In July, Dr. T. G. Dunning, Director of Young People's Work for the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, came to Philadelphia en route to Atlanta, Georgia to attend the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance. He brought with him 25 Baptist youth leaders from Burma, Finland, Germany,



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Great Britain, India, Spain, and Sweden. Nine of his party were entertained in the homes of the members of Wyoming. Dr. Dunning was the guest of Pastor Hookway and his family. Sunday morning, July 16, 1939 Dr. Dunning preached at Wyoming and delivered a very helpful sermon touching upon world conditions as he had observed them in his travels.

Not too many weeks after this enjoyable period an event of great sadness occurred. The beloved Pastor Hookway passed away on November 3, and many hearts were saddened. His body was completely worn out. His hearing was seriously impaired and his sight had failed completely a year before. Even after this affliction came upon him, his spirit of kindness, cheerfulness, and hope persisted. He was an example of patience and faith to the scores of his congregation and friends who visited him at the parsonage. As his body lay in the place he loved best, the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, more than two thousand people, Roman Catholics, Jews, and Protestants, came to pay tribute to him and to express

sympathy to his bereaved family. Many of them said he was the first to ring their doorbells when there was any need, or when sickness or death visited their homes, and that he was the first person to speak to them when they came as strangers into the neighborhood. The Rabbi of the near-by synagogue said Pastor Hookway was one of his first callers when he moved into the community.

Throughout his entire ministry, Pastor Hookway was a most loyal Baptist, and Jesus Christ had the foremost place in his life. He had given unstintingly of his time and strength to the work of the Lord at Wyoming. He had taken an active part in the work of the North Philadelphia Association, acting as Clerk for several years, and as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was greatly interested and active in the work of the Northeast Baptist Social Union. To help him in his ministerial work, he had collected a library of more than three thousand volumes which he chose carefully and well. He was a member of the "Photozetetics" (Light-Seekers), a club of Philadelphia Baptist ministers, and enjoyed and contributed to the theological treatises presented at their meetings.

Pastor Hookway's funeral service was held in the Church, November 7. Pastor Hurst conducted the service. Tributes to the life and work of Pastor Hookway were paid by Dr. Owen C. Brown, Rev. Walter E. Capper, Dr. A. E. Harris, Dr. W. Harmer Good, and Pastor Hurst. Rev. A. F. Ballbach and Rev. Charles Dear participated in the service. Miss Irene Smith was organist and Mr. A. Arthur Turner and Mrs. W. Spangenberg sang as a duet, Pastor Hookway's favorite hymn, "Majestic Sweetness." Mr. Van Arsdale sang "No Night There." Dr. L. R. Free, Rev. William Metz, Rev. John Sarles, and many of Pastor Hookway's classmates and brethren in the ministry acted as honorary pallbearers.

Pastor Hookway's influence in the church, in the community, and in the city, was immeasurable. At the time of his death, his widow, Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, was Superintendent of the Children's Division of the Sunday School, and had been for more than 25 years. As a child of ten she watched with interest the construction of the first Church building. This interest has continued through this Seventy-fifth year of the Church's history. Besides her work as organist, she has had an active part in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Missionary Society. Pastor Hookway's son, Arthur, was Superintendent of the Sunday School, Assistant Financial Secretary of the Church, Assistant Deacon, a

member of the Finance Committee, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Pastor Hookway's daughter, Elizabeth, had held a position for several years in the Children's Division of the Editorial Department of the American Baptist Publication Society and was Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School.

The following month, December 1939, the Church elected Mrs. Alberta Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cuthill as life members of the Board of Deacons. Also in December, the Choir purchased beautiful black robes and wore them for the first time on Christmas Sunday. December 1939 was a notable month for still another reason. Dr. A. E. Harris married Mrs. Ruth Chase of Glenside. She and her son and daughter, Walter and Marie Chase, joined Wyoming shortly, and Mrs. Harris became a valuable addition to our Missionary Society.

March 6-17, 1940—Rev. Douglas Roe conducted a series of special services. This interesting and helpful series of services came to a splendid climax on Palm Sunday. The event that characterized this particular Palm Sunday was the dedication of the Rev. John A. Hookway Memorial Chimes. *The Onward* for 1911 stated that the juniors of the Church were most anxious to place a bell in the Church tower and judging by their activity they expected to accomplish this goal quickly. However, it was nearly thirty years later that this noble purpose was accomplished. Soon after his death a committee was formed to commemorate with a suitable memorial the life and work of the beloved Pastor Hookway. This committee, chaired by Mrs. Howard Reeves and composed of Mrs. William Harvey, Mrs. Alberta Smith, Miss Kathryn Smith, Mrs. Alice Stephens, Mrs. E. H. Tomlinson, Mr. A. Arthur Turner, and Mrs. Edward Williamson, decided to organize the collection of voluntary gifts toward the purchase and installation of chimes for the bell tower of the Church. M. P. Moller, Inc. of Hagerstown, Maryland, received the contract for the chimes which were installed in the organ. Meanwhile, the Hookway Memorial Fund having grown to a total of \$1,722, it was decided to augment the Chimes Memorial with the installation of a hearing-aid system in the sanctuary and an amplification system in the bell tower. Herbert K. Neuber, Philadelphia, was awarded the contract. The Dedication Service was one of graceful dignity. The Church was adorned with beautiful flowers, expressions of the sentiment held for Pastor Hookway by his many friends. Every available seat in the sanctuary and Men's Class room was occupied. The

foyer was crowded with people who wished to witness this service of tribute. Dr. Lytle R. Free, Rev. William T. Metz, and Pastor Hurst participated. Miss Irene Harding, internationally famous as a concert organist and Mr. Josef Leonardo, harpist, presented a thoughtfully arranged musical program for the occasion. As the first swelling sound of the chimes echoed through the Church and out over the fresh spring air, a greater dedication was evident—a dedication of all who heard to live according to the simple tenets of Christ's teaching.

At the time of Pastor Hookway's passing, the Church granted to Mrs. Hookway the sum of \$500 to be paid over a period of twenty months, and told the family that they were welcome to stay in the parsonage until the spring. They moved on April 13, 1940.

The work of renovating the parsonage started immediately. Partitions were torn down, woodwork scraped and refinished, walls papered, new plumbing supplies and fixtures installed, and other improvements made. Many of the members of the Church volunteered their services in this work. During the year \$1,000 was spent in renovation.

Pastor and Mrs. Hurst and daughter Carolyn moved into the parsonage on May 1, 1940, and invited the congregation to a housewarming a few weeks later.

During the summer of 1940 a section of the Church was greatly improved. The large dual purpose Sunday School room in the basement was plastered and painted. A very difficult and necessary job of pipe fitting was done. All of this work was performed without charge by several members and friends of the Church. The room became known as Fellowship Hall.

Meanwhile, the Young People had held in June an essay contest with the prize being a trip to Camp Montrose for a week. Miss Dorothy Firth and Miss Virginia Hess tied for first place. Together they spent a pleasant and profitable week at Montrose.

The Church tried the plan, this summer of 1940, of holding Sunday School at 9:30 Sunday morning. For the first two or three weeks the plan seemed quite successful, increasing the attendance at both Sunday School and morning worship. However, before the end of August the attendance at Sunday School dropped alarmingly, and at the beginning of September Sunday School was resumed at noontime.

In January 1941, Mr. J. Arthur Hookway asked to be relieved of the superintendency of the Sunday School, a position he had held for five years. Mr. William T. Schwartz was elected Superintendent. The records show other changes at this time: Mr. A. Arthur Turner's resignation as Financial Secretary after nine years of service, with Mr. Edward A. Brogden being elected to this office; Albert Boswell and Arthur Hookway were elected as his assistants. Mr. Ernest H. Tomlinson asked to be relieved of the office of Church Clerk after serving for eight years and Arthur Hookway was elected as his successor. Pastor Hurst appointed Mr. A. Arthur Turner as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The year 1941 being the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, plans for the Golden Jubilee Celebration were initiated. Pastor Hurst appointed Mr. A. Arthur Turner Chairman of the Jubilee Committee, composed of 62 members. The following goals were set:

1. Fifty members added to the Church.
2. A total attendance of five hundred each week at Church services and Prayer Meeting.
3. Five-thousand-dollar reduction in the Church indebtedness.
4. Repairs to building and interior decoration.
5. Installation of a new electric signboard on the front of the Church.
6. Publication of a Golden Jubilee Year Book.

To attain one of the goals the Jubilee Committee distributed more than three hundred gold-colored boxes, made to contain \$10 each, to members and friends of the Church. These were to be returned during the Anniversary Week of October 5-12. A Golden Jubilee Chart recorded the contributions from the organizations of the Church. As money was received the red ribbon on the chart moved nearer to the \$5,000 mark.

With 62 members of the Jubilee Committee working toward the Anniversary celebration and talking about the work of the Church, a new interest was created and attendance at all services increased. The financial condition of the Church continued to improve and Pastor Hurst ministered to the spiritual needs with messages of fundamental truth. A highlight in the spiritual life

of the Church came in March 1941, when Rev. John Linton returned to Wyoming to hold a week of services. Pastor Hurst held a class for the young people who had taken a stand. When he felt they fully understood the step they were taking, they were brought before the Church for baptism.

In March 1941 the Church suffered a sad loss. Mr. Henry Turner, a faithful attendant at worship and the illustrator at Junior Church for many years, passed away on March 2nd. His life was one of kindly service to God and to his fellow-men.

Early in May a six-weeks' Training School for teachers in the Vacation Church School was held with Miss Virginia Hess as the instructor.

The work of the Church was running smoothly, plans for the Golden Jubilee celebration were progressing well when suddenly a new problem presented itself. On Sunday morning, June 22, Pastor Hurst read to the congregation his letter of resignation, to take effect September 1. He had accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania. A very tearful congregation left the Church that morning. At the quarterly business meeting, July 9, the Church voted to accept with regret this resignation and to extend to "Pastor and Mrs. Hurst our heartfelt appreciation of their faithful services at Wyoming and our blessing on their work at New Castle."

Pastor and Mrs. Hurst felt that the Lord had called them to take up the work at New Castle, where the church had been without a pastor for fourteen months. They regretted leaving Wyoming and their many thoughtful and kind friends. They appreciated the wholesome family fellowship in the Church and the happy, helpful spirit existent among the members. Pastor Hurst endeared himself to the hearts of the people of Wyoming by his kindness and faithfulness to them in time of illness or bereavement. He did not hesitate to render any type of help that was needed.

Early in Pastor Hurst's ministry he rode into town one day in the elevated train with a consecrated Baptist layman, a member of another church in Philadelphia. They talked about the work at Wyoming and Pastor Hurst mentioned the labors going into the effort to reduce the heavy building debt of the Church. The following Christmas Pastor Hurst received from this friend a check for \$500 payable to the Church. Two stipulations were made: that



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the check be applied to reduce the principal of the indebtedness; that the donor's name be withheld. For six consecutive years the same kind friend sent \$500.

During Pastor Hurst's ministry the missionary gifts of the Church trebled and interest in missions was great. Mrs. Hurst's sister, Miss Britta Johnson, was a missionary in Africa.

Immediately upon Pastor Hurst's resignation, the Pulpit Committee recommended that Dr. A. E. Harris be invited to act as Pastor *ad interim*. Fortunately, Dr. Harris was able to accept. Dr. Harris had entered Crozer Seminary a year after Pastor Hookway, and they were there together for three years. Dr. Harris preached at Wyoming for the first time in 1897. They had fellowship together as brother ministers during the years that Dr. Harris was Assistant Pastor to Dr. Russell Conwell at the Grace Baptist Temple and during his pastorates at Bethlehem Baptist Church and Nicetown Baptist Church. Dr. Harris came into the fellowship of Wyoming

in 1926 after he became a member of the faculty of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In preparation for the Golden Jubilee Anniversary several improvements were made. The roof of the Church was repaired at a cost of \$316. The interior of the sanctuary and the Men's Class room were painted. A new heater was installed in the Church. A new electric signboard was purchased and placed on the front of the building. The two entrances facing Wyoming Avenue and the old signboard were painted to correspond with the new signboard.

Before the Hursts moved to New Castle, Wyoming gave them a surprise party in Fellowship Hall. The Church presented to Pastor Hurst a new portable typewriter and the Young People presented to Mrs. Hurst a gold pendant. After an evening of Christian fellowship the Hursts were wished Godspeed, and were assured that they would be missed greatly by those who knew and loved them.

Sunday morning, October 5, found a joyous people gathered together in the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary. The service was one of simple dignity and grace. Dr. Harris presided in the pulpit and on the platform with him were Deacons Julius Cuthill, Walter Grimm, Arthur Hookway, Joseph King, Howard Reeves, and William Schwartz. The Deacons participated in the program and served the Communion. Dr. Harris' remarks were confined to a few short reminiscences on the Church life and a declaration of what the Communion Service had come to mean and of its especial significance at this great moment in the Church's history. Solemnly, he led the Communion Service and great was the realization of the words, "This do in remembrance of me." The initial Jubilee Service was concluded with the congregation singing the Doxology.

On Sunday evening Dr. Gordon Palmer, President of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the guest preacher.

Anniversary Week was commemorated with a specially written dramatic review entitled "Fifty Years at Wyoming," presented on Tuesday evening, October 7. Miss Virginia Hess wrote the script, and the direction and production were handled by Mr. A. Arthur Turner. The cast was large and the audience was generous with its applause.

Wednesday evening, October 8, found three of the churches in the community, the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, St.

Gabriel's Episcopal Church, and the Tabor Lutheran Church joining Wyoming in a "Neighborhood Prayer and Praise Service." Many friends from the Crescentville Baptist Church also attended. The speaker of the evening, Missionary Roy Brill, was introduced by Dr. Harris. Mr. Brill told of his experiences as a survivor of the *S. S. ZamZam*, struck by Nazi shells on the morning of April 17, 1941. Miraculously, the lives of one hundred missionaries, representing seventeen missions, and their families were saved, although some of the crew and other passengers aboard were lost.

Thursday evening, October 9, was the Gold Bank Gift Service. Chairman Turner presided and Wyoming's "own" Rev. Charles A. Dear, Pastor of the Crescentville Baptist Church, was the speaker. One highlight of this service was the presentation of the original Church Charter to the Church. It had been reconditioned, mounted, and framed by the Children's Division of the Sunday School, after being re-discovered a short time before the Golden Jubilee. This was also the service when the financial goal of \$5,000 was to be realized. The amount contributed during the evening brought the total Jubilee Fund to \$4,778. Before the week was over the goal of \$5,000 was reached.

On Friday evening, October 10, the "Golden Anniversary Musicale" was presented by the combined Choirs of the Trinity Methodist Church of Chester, Pennsylvania, and the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church under the direction of Mr. I. Hall Van Arsdale, with Mrs. Mildred Brown at the organ.

Sunday, October 12, was the final day of the Golden Jubilee Anniversary Week and was characterized by three services. Dr. Carey S. Thomas, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Altoona, Pennsylvania was the guest speaker for these services.

At the time of the Fiftieth Anniversary the following Charter Members were still on the roll: Mrs. A. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hardiman, Mrs. Edna Walmsley Hookway, Mrs. Jennie Poultney Johnson, Mrs. Mary Marshall, Mr. William Marshall, Mrs. Ida Powers, Mr. Benjamin Powers, Mrs. Stella Langhorne Reeves, Mrs. Florence Hardiman Roberts, Mrs. Mary Rushton, Mrs. Alice Rushton Stephens, Mrs. Anna Dickey Vanderherchen, and Miss Anna E. Walmsley.

Miss A. E. Fly, an original member of the Church, passed away on October 13, a few hours after the close of Anniversary Week.

She was active in the Missionary work of the Church and in the Ladies' Aid.

Also it is important to note that in the Golden Jubilee Year the Boy Scout organization in the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church was very active, healthy and strong. The Commissioned Officers were George W. Stritzel, Scoutmaster; William Stritzel, Charles Unrath, Mallory Whiting, and Edward Haywood, Assistant Scoutmasters. The troop at this time consisted of forty-two boys. Troop 210 consistently held the Red Star rating for excellence in camping, hiking, personal inspection, administration, and Scout ideals. The Troop's anniversary dinners, Father-and-Son overnight trips, and annual treks to Treasure Island on the Delaware highlight the many activities the Scouts enjoyed each year.

Most of the goals for the Fiftieth Anniversary were accomplished:

The attendance at services was very good, although the Church was without a regular pastor for four months.

There were 39 new members received into the fellowship of the Church during the year.

Repairs to the property and redecoration were completed.

The financial goal of \$5,000 reduction in the building indebtedness was met.

A new electric signboard was installed on the front of the building.

A Golden Jubilee Year Book was published, giving the history of the first 50 years at Wyoming in more detail than it is given in these pages.

As the Golden Jubilee Year of 1941 ended, Wyoming looked ahead with happy anticipation to a new era of history under the leadership of Rev. John W. Himes, who was to come to the Church at the beginning of 1942.

Part Six 1942 • Rev. John W. Himes succeeded Pastor Hurst and began his ministry at Wyoming on January 1, 1942, after six years' pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. He and Mrs. Himes (nee Augusta Theis) and the family moved into the parsonage, which had been renovated, cleaned and decorated by volunteers from the congregation.

1958 In 1942, the clouds of World War II had settled down upon the country. Once more Wyoming was saddened as 90 of the

young men and women of the Church answered the call to service. A committee was formed, with Mrs. Francis Rogers as chairman, to keep in touch with them. The committee sent them candy, cookies, birthday and holiday greetings, and copies of *The Secret Place*, the Baptist quarterly for personal and family devotions. Their birth dates and addresses were announced in the Church far enough in advance that the congregation might send them greetings. One of the young men—Armer Watson—did not return.

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Wesley Barrett	Walter Jones	Frank Shaneman
Harry Bates	William Knecht	Wilbur Shaneman
Thomas Bennett	Raymond Kern	Stephen Shaneman
Frank Boseman	Richard Kern	Walter Simon
Fred Bachman	Louis Kaltenbaugh	Charles Smith
Lewis Baker	Paul King	Samuel Stubbs
Walter Chase	John Lauro	Charles Sullenberger
George Carnell	Richard Lobley	Harry Summers
William Carnell	Robert Lueckel	Karl Schulz
Ruth Carter	Richard Lueckel	Harvey Sperry
Howard Chism	William Lueckel	Elinor Stone
David Coopwood	Jack Maconachie	Howard Teall
Jules Cuthill	Robert McAllister	Larry Tew
Francis Censky	Fred McKendry	Arthur Terpenning
Andreas Dambach	George McKendry	Arthur Thompson
John Desher	John McKendry	David Thompson
Richard Esterly	Howard Miller	Albert Turner
William Esterly	Walter Moore	Charles Unrath
Richard Ellers	Harry Osborne	Albert Walter
Ernest Filer, Jr.	Howard Parkinson	William Walters
Carl Flack	Elmer E. Rhoades	Armer Watson*
Harry Ginther	Jane Robinson	Walter Wheaton
Edward Hartmann	Ellwood Rogers	Mallory Whiting
Robert Hopkins	Robert Scheffler	Arthur Whitehair
Louis Hess	Howard Schimpf	George Whitehair, Jr.
Russell Hires	William Schimpf	Thelma Williamson
Arthur Hookway	Harry Salmon	Harry Wismer
Harry Johnson	William Smith	Benjamin Yeagle
John Inman	Ashton Schwartz	George Zauflick
Harold Jones	Charles Schwartz	Frank Zauflick

* Gold star

At the annual business meeting, conducted by Pastor Himes, all the organizations expressed appreciation for the services of Dr. Arthur E. Harris, Pastor *ad interim*. He was a member of Wyoming for many years and knew the people. He also knew Pastor Himes because of his connection with Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and so was able to help in bringing Pastor and people together.

Speaking for the Board of Trustees, Mr. Howard Reeves reported that extensive repairs had been made to the building, and that in preparation for the arrival of Pastor and Mrs. Himes, Kathleen and Carey, much work had been done in the parsonage. All bills had been paid. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Ernest Tomlinson for painting and for other work that he had done in the parsonage. The Ladies' Aid provided linoleum for the kitchen floor.

Mrs. Stella Reeves read a letter of appreciation written to the Ladies' Aid by the Baptist Bible School Superintendents' Association of Philadelphia, thanking the Church for the hospitality shown them when they held their meeting at Wyoming in January.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. A. Arthur Turner for his splendid work as Chairman of the Golden Jubilee Committee and to the 60 committee members who were appointed to work with him in planning and carrying out the celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary.

An opening was cut in the choir-loft rail, so the members could go down the steps and into the congregation after their anthem on Sunday evening.

The week of May 5-10 was designated as a time of special services, with Evangelist "Happy Mac" MacDonald as the leader. He came to us well recommended and held a very successful campaign.

In 1942, Girl Scout Troop 105, which had been so much a part of Wyoming, ceased to be an active organization. In 1940, three of the leaders of the Tabor Lutheran Girl Scout Troop 79 returned to Troop 105 to take over the leadership, after both Miss Ruth McElroy and Miss Mae Stephens had married. Miss Alberta Wurst, Miss Kathryn Stahl and Miss Mildred Olsen made every effort to continue this great work, but World War II presented many problems and the girls found it increasingly difficult to maintain interest among the Girl Scouts.



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The Sunshine Committee of the Missionary Society, with Mrs. Anne Heller as Chairman, did a fine work, and there was so much need for this kind of service that a box for contributions was placed at the back of the Church.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Harris moved to Overbrook so that Dr. Harris would be closer to Eastern Baptist Seminary, where he was Registrar and Professor. It was with regret that Wyoming saw these members leave the fellowship.

Many problems faced the Church in the early days of Pastor Himes's ministry, several of them created by World War II. There was such a demand for oil for Government use in carrying on the war that a severe shortage threatened. Due to this situation the Board of Trustees considered converting the parsonage oil burner to a coal furnace, but fortunately this measure was not necessary. Air Raid Post 11 met in the Church each week. Outside switches were installed on the signboards so air-raid wardens could extinguish

lights in case of a blackout. Special paper was secured to cover basement windows during blackouts, and a first-aid kit was purchased.

One of the Church business meetings was interrupted by a siren sounding a blackout warning. The congregation moved from the Prayer Meeting room into the sanctuary, and with the aid of a small special light on the pulpit continued the meeting with slight difficulty.

Due to food rationing the Ladies' Aid was unable to serve banquets for special occasions, and resorted to covered dish suppers, which were very enjoyable.

There were, however, many encouraging features of the work. The mortgage, which had been \$55,788 in January 1933, and \$32,500 in January 1939, amounted to \$20,000 in January 1943. The Frankford Trust Company reduced the interest rate. In April, missionary giving showed a substantial gain, which gladdened the hearts of Pastor Himes and the congregation. The parsonage was papered. All bills were paid, including the coal bill for the coming winter. As a direct result of Pastor Himes's preparatory class, 23 young people were presented to the Church as candidates for membership following baptism. (There were 27 baptisms in April, May and June). At this time the Deacons and Trustees recommended that the Church enroll Pastor Himes in the Pension Plan of the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board, the arrangement being that the Church would pay half of the premium and the Pastor would pay half. This recommendation was accepted, for which Pastor Himes expressed his appreciation. It was also voted to provide compensation insurance for the Pastor, Sexton, Chorister and Organist.

The annual business meeting held in January 1943 marked the beginning of a different procedure, which became a custom. The Church family met together at the dinner hour for a covered-dish meal. After the tables were cleared, a worship and prayer period was conducted in Fellowship Hall. The business meeting followed.

At Pastor Himes's instigation the office of Benevolence Secretary was created, and Mr. Clayton Funk was elected to this position. Beginning with May 1943, all our missionary funds were designated by the Church.

In July the financial picture was very encouraging, showing an increase in nearly every field of endeavor over the same period of

1942. The matter of reducing the Church mortgage was uppermost in the minds of the Finance Committee, and the members were working on a plan toward that end.

The question of broadcasting part of the evening service over the radio was considered, but due to the cost of the contract (\$55 for a half-hour broadcast every Sunday evening for 13 weeks), which would have had to be underwritten by those who were eager to have the broadcast, and the inconvenience of fitting it into the Sunday evening service, the matter was dropped.

Early in 1944 a plan was set afoot to clear the Church of its building debt, which amounted to \$15,000. Mr. A. Arthur Turner was appointed Chairman of the Mortgage Burning Committee. An Executive Committee, Captains and Lieutenants were chosen to work with him, in securing subscriptions for "bricks" in the Church building. The Mortgage Burning Campaign took the form of monthly gatherings at the Church, at which time members and friends came to pay their campaign pledges and to spend the evening in the Fellowship Hall, where music and other forms of entertainment and refreshments were provided. An important feature of the evening came with the announcement by Chairman Turner of the amount of money that had been added to the Campaign Fund during the month.

The Church always has carried on a ministry "Outside the Walls." For many years Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to those in need of food. Both the pulpit and the pews have ministered to the Baptist Orphanage (later known as the Baptist Children's Home), the Baptist Home, the poor, the sick, and those in any kind of trouble. Along with this type of help, Pastor Himes engaged in an extensive ministry to some of the penal institutions of the city. Several times a year he went to Holmesburg Prison on Sunday afternoon and also to the Youth Rehabilitation Center, taking some laymen with him, and conducting Christian services for the inmates. He joined in the efforts of many people of Wyoming in ministry to the Community Christian Mission in center city, and other missionary work in the area.

Pastor Himes instituted a program of Youth Work in the Church, in which students of Eastern Seminary came to the Church as leaders of the young people, in an effort to create greater interest and participation in the Church life on the part of the young people;

to provide a Christian program for their leisure time; and to inspire them to greater Christian service.

The Church contributed \$5 for each star in the service flag toward establishing and maintaining a Servicemen's Hospitality Center in the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, where those in the Armed Forces could spend their leisure time in a Christian atmosphere and meet Christian companions.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heller gave the Church a large, beautiful copy of Sallman's *Head of Christ*, which was hung at the front of the sanctuary on the organ pipes. They also had a handsome velvet curtain placed on the wall of Fellowship Hall, as a backdrop for the platform, and presented a new rug for the platform. On the backdrop they placed another copy of the same picture, with a light above it, and the Scripture verse: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) at the top of the backdrop. All this was presented in memory of their 12-year-old son, Bruce W. Heller, who passed away in 1944.

At the July 1944 business meeting it was voted that Mrs. Mildred Watson and Mr. I. Hall Van Arsdale continue their work as Organist and Chorister, respectively, for the ensuing year.

Sunday School Superintendent William Connon reported progress. A contest was held for those wishing to attend camp. The authors of the two best essays on "How a Christian Should Spend His Vacation" were sent to Camp Unami, Sumneytown, Pennsylvania, for two weeks at the expense of the Sunday School. Mr. Connon was experienced in electrical and radio work, and devoted many hours to keeping the amplification, hearing-aid and electrical systems in the Church in good condition.

At the end of the first year of designating the missionary funds, the Missionary Committee was requested to submit a proposed budget to the congregation. This system became a custom. The budget for 1945 was \$1,200, an increase of \$200 over the amount allotted in 1944.

The Mortgage Burning Campaign reached a successful climax on February 22, 1945, at a great Mortgage Burning Ceremony. The congregation, augmented by many friends and neighbors of the Church, filled the sanctuary to overflowing for this joyous occasion. Pastor Himes pronounced the invocation and the following were among the guests who participated in the program: Dr. Lytle



The Mortgage Burning Ceremony

R. Free, Pastor of the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church; Rev. Erich F. Voehringer, Pastor of Tabor Lutheran Church; Rev. William T. Metz, Vicar of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church; Rev. Charles L. Dear, Pastor of Crescentville Baptist Church; Dr. A. T. O. Marks, Executive Secretary of the Baptist Union of Philadelphia and Vicinity; Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention; Rev. Oliver W. Hurst and Dr. Arthur E. Harris. Mr. John B. Hartmann, President of Frankford Trust Company, presented the cancelled mortgage to Chairman A. Arthur Turner, who accepted it with appropriate remarks. He called

the roll of the 58 workers in the campaign—Captains, Lieutenants and Executive Committee—who responded by taking their places in a circle around the sanctuary, each holding a candle. Mr. Turner handed the cancelled mortgage to Mrs. Edna M. Hookway. Mrs. Alberta Smith struck a match and kindled a flame that was passed from candle to candle around the entire sanctuary, and returned to Mother Smith, who applied the torch to the mortgage held by Mrs. Hookway. Pastor Himes stood between the two ladies, holding a tray into which the burning document dropped. It was a thrilling moment to those who had worked so hard and so long, and had prayed so earnestly for this accomplishment. All hearts went up in thanksgiving to God as the flames consumed the mortgage papers.

Mrs. Alberta (Mother) Smith, a teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class for many years, an active member of the Finance Committee, and a life-member of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, got out of a sick-bed to take part in the Mortgage Burning Ceremony. The Church suffered a great loss when Mother Smith passed away a few weeks later.

With the building indebtedness wiped out, greater contributions to the work of Missions became possible, and beginning in 1946 the Missionary Budget increased steadily. One or two setbacks in the Current Expense Budget were encountered, but for the most part each year registered progress.

Mr. John Mitchell resigned as Sexton of the Church after 21 years of faithful service. The position was taken by Mr. James McQuillen.

In 1946 the By-Laws were amended to read: "That this Church send its Pastor to the State Convention (Pennsylvania Baptist) each year and to the National Convention (American Baptist) whenever feasible."

The Music Committee recommended, after careful consideration, a change in the musical leadership, involving Chorister and Organist, and suggested that the Church proceed to engage an Organist-Director. Mr. Harry Lehr was elected to this position.

At the annual business meeting, January 8, 1947, Pastor Himes suggested the following goals for the year, and they were adopted by the membership:

1. A Prayer Crusade each Wednesday evening, with all members meeting together for the regular prayer service from 8:00 to 8:30 P. M., and then dividing into three groups—men, women,

young people—and going to separate places in the building, so that more people might have an opportunity to participate in the prayer period.

2. A Fisherman's Club to study methods of going forth and leading others to Christ.

3. Special meetings during Holy Week, leading up to Easter Day services—these meetings to be evangelistic, with Pastor Himes preaching.

4. A Teacher-Training Class.

5. 47 Baptisms for 1947.

Dr. Lytle R. Free, Pastor of the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, retired in 1947. Wyoming sent greetings and a parting gift to Dr. and Mrs. Free on this occasion.

The young ladies of the Church made corsages for Mother's Day, and presented one to each mother who attended the service. A plaque was given to the oldest mother and to the newest mother present at the evening service.

Pastor Himes and some of the Deacons visited the shut-ins and administered Communion to them.

Harry Moore, Karl Karpa, and Richard Rusebold, students at Eastern Seminary assisted in the work of the Sunday School and the Young People's Society. The Pastor and Deacons expressed appreciation for their services.

The Missionary Budget for 1948 was \$4,000 and the Current Expense Budget \$12,180.

A Communion Service was held on Holy Thursday evening, March 25, 1948. This was a very impressive candlelight service, and the beginning of a new custom at the Church. The Deacons purchased new bread trays with covers, eliminating the spreading of a second tablecloth over the trays of bread and wine.

A "Happy Hour" program was carried on each Friday evening, except during the summer months, for the boys and girls of the Church.

Rev. Anthony Zeoli preached at the Sunday evening service, January 30, 1949.

An amendment to the By-Laws was made, as follows: "No member of the Board of Deacons or Board of Trustees shall serve more than one term of office (three years) without the lapse of one year."

The Pastor and Deacons conducted an Every-Member Visitation in March. The week of March 27, 1949, was set aside for special evangelistic services, with Pastor Himes bringing the messages. As a result, ten of the young people were baptized a few weeks later.

The Trustees reported at the October business meeting that several building details required attention, the most urgent being repairs to the roof. An estimate of \$800 was received for this work. It was voted to grant the Trustees permission to borrow (if necessary) the money to pay for the repairs.

Mr. Harry Lehr resigned as Organist-Director.

Revival services were held October 26-30. Pastor Himes, Rev. Russell Pavey, Rev. August Ballbach, Dr. Norman Paullin and Mr. Alex Dunlap were the speakers.

The Men's Chorus of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary brought to the Church a very inspiring musical program on February 15, 1950.

The Board of Deacons and Deaconesses had a busy season visiting the sick and shut-ins. They also found that the men's baptismal robes were in poor condition, and Deaconess Hacking was asked to make some new ones. She hurried to finish them in time for the Easter baptismal service.

In April the Church voted to give the Board of Trustees authority to open negotiations with the Frankford Trust Company for a loan to cover delinquent taxes and all accumulated penalties on the Parsonage. The Trustees had not been informed previously that this payment was due. During the April-June quarter, the sum of \$3,016.33 was paid to the City of Philadelphia for delinquent taxes for the period of 1934-1947.

Paul Gerard Jackson, a Shakespearean actor before his conversion, held a series of evangelistic services at Wyoming in October 1950, entitled, "The Gospel in Life Portraits." His messages were dramatic and forceful, as he dressed in costume and used special lighting effects.

On March 10, 1951, a beautiful event took place in the Church. Pastor Himes performed a double wedding ceremony, uniting the Teall twins and two of the young men in the Church. Nancy was married to James Dambach, and Shirley was married to George Parcell. There were twenty-two members of the wedding party.

Walter Baker, a young man who grew up in the Church, was attending the Philadelphia School of the Bible and preparing to enter the Christian ministry. He assisted Pastor Himes two days a week, and sang in the Choir. The Church licensed Walter to preach in 1951.

Wyoming's combined Current Expense and Missionary Budget for 1951 was \$22,500. In addition to this the Church accepted a quota of \$9,000 for the Baptist Home Expansion Fund, to be paid over a period of three years. During 1951, the Trustees again made provision for having the sanctuary and other parts of the building repaired, painted and redecorated. The floors of the Prayer Meeting room and the foyer were covered with tile. Once again the building looked fresh and beautiful. The Trustees were tendered a hearty vote of thanks for their work.

After Mr. Lehr resigned as Organist-Director, there were several organists and organist-directors, including Mrs. Mary Luithlen and Mr. Bertram F. Ulmer, with Mrs. Edna M. Hookway and Mrs. Howard Teall substituting. In 1951 the Church secured the services of Mrs. Robert Hartman as Organist-Director.

The Church voted to create the office of Missionary Treasurer, so that the missionary fund could be handled separately from the other monies received into the treasury. Mr. Howard Teall was elected to serve as the first Missionary Treasurer.

The Church's Sixtieth Anniversary was celebrated the first week of October with a dinner and social evening on Thursday, and an inspirational service on Friday, with Dr. Ben Browne as the speaker. The Communion Service was observed on Sunday morning with Pastor Himes preaching. Sunday evening was Men's Night, with Harry Jenkins, Esq. bringing the message.

The work of the Sunday School progressed well during 1951, with receipts in the amount of \$2,493. A new feature in Christian education was the purchase of films and equipment for use in Sunday School and also for the Young People's groups meeting in the evening.

In January 1952, the By-Laws were amended to read: "That the Board of Trustees be authorized to take care of hiring and releasing all employees pertaining to the maintenance and operation of church property."

Pastor Himes conducted special services at Watsontown, Pennsylvania, in March 1952. Mr. Walter Baker supplied the pulpit on

Sunday of that week. Holy Week services were held at Wyoming with Rev. Carl Unger and Rev. Alton Snyder preaching on two of the evenings. Cottage Prayer Meetings preceded this week.

This year the Ladies' Aid purchased Venetian blinds for the entire parsonage.

The Philadelphia Baptist Association, the North Philadelphia Baptist Association, the Baptist Union of Philadelphia and Vicinity, and the Philadelphia Baptist City Mission Society merged under the corporate name of "The Philadelphia Baptist Association." Pastor Himes served as the last Moderator of the North Philadelphia Baptist Association, which held its final meeting at Wyoming in September 1952. Dr. Sidney Powell preached the afternoon sermon. Dr. T. G. Dunning, of London, England, delivered the evening address. Two members of Wyoming, Mr. J. Arthur Hookway and Mr. Walter Whitehair, were elected as delegates with authority to vote on the proposed Constitution and By-Laws for the new corporation.

One of the young men of Wyoming, who had always been a faithful attendant at services, Mr. Albert Wolfinger, met a tragic death in May 1952, while serving in the U. S. Navy.

During Pastor Himes's vacation in August 1952, the pulpit was filled by Rev. John Bytte, Rev. Oliver W. Hurst, Dr. Arthur E. Harris and Mr. Walter Baker. Prayer Meetings were conducted by the Hookway Men's Bible Class, the Board of Deacons, the Ladies' Bible Class, the Young People's Society and the Missionary Group.

Evangelist John Lavender conducted a campaign in Philadelphia, and Wyoming participated. Busloads of people went from the Church to attend the meetings at the Baptist Temple.

The Main Line Youth for Christ had charge of the Sunday evening service on June 1, with Mr. J. Edward Smith as the speaker.

Mr. Donald Raisner, a student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, came to Wyoming as Youth Director and Assistant to the Pastor. He rendered real help to Pastor Himes and to the Young People.

In the spring of 1953 Pastor Himes and the Board of Deacons conducted an Every-Member Visitation preparatory to revival meetings. Rev. Gordon Whitney, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, was the guest preacher for the well-attended evangelistic services.

One of Mrs. Himes's projects in the Church was that of finding a space that could be used for a Pastor's Study. With the permission of the Trustees she set aside the original Children's Department room in the northeast corner of the first floor. A permanent wall was built to divide the room in two. One section was used for the study and the other for the Sunday School secretaries' room. Bookshelves were built in the study. Mrs. Himes supervised the furnishing and decoration of the study, and Deaconesses Erickson and Wolfinger were asked by the Board to help her to select material for drapes as a surprise for the Pastor's birthday. Mr. Edwin Richardson enlisted the help of the Hookway Men's Bible Class to paint the study. He also was instrumental in securing a lovely rug. The men and women worked hard to make this corner of the building a quiet and attractive spot.

The Church went "over the top" in the pledge of \$9,000 to the Baptist Home Expansion Fund. In reporting for the Finance Committee, Mr. A. A. Turner asked for an additional \$840 for this cause, in order to make the Church's total contribution \$10,000. He also made an appeal for special contributions toward a new heating system for the Baptist Orphanage. Within a few weeks a check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to the Orphanage for this purpose. The Sunday School also contributed toward sending the Baptist Orphanage boys and girls to Camp Unami.

Pastor Himes requested that each department of the Sunday School close its service as promptly and quietly as possible, in order to provide a more worshipful atmosphere for the beginning of the morning worship service. The commotion in the foyer disturbed those who liked a period of quiet meditation in the sanctuary before the service.

Twenty-five members were received into the fellowship of the Church during 1953: 22 by baptism; 2 by letter; 1 by confession of faith, after previous baptism. Fourteen letters of dismissal were granted. The average morning worship attendance was 172; evening, 98.

One hundred fifteen memorial Bibles were placed in the sanctuary, each with a book plate showing in whose memory it was presented.

In the American Baptist "Churches for New Frontiers" Campaign, the Church accepted and filled a quota of \$5,333. This project helped to start churches in newly developed areas all over

the country. The payments were distributed over a period of 20 months.

In 1954 the Trustees reported an expenditure of \$1,500 for a new Bulletin Board, replacing and repairing windows, and refinish- ing the front door.

On the Board of Deacons' recommendation, the Church pur- chased films of the Billy Graham Television Series, "Hour of Decision," for use in the Sunday evening services. By October there was a gain over 1953 of about 35 in attendance at the evening services.

The Church voted that members of the Missionary Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Music Committee be elected rather than appointed. This action was taken at a special meeting on December 1, 1954, and incorporated in the By-Laws of the Church.

The two outstanding missionary contributions for 1954 were \$1,401 to the Baptist Orphanage, and \$1,165 to the Community Christian Mission.

The Boulevard United Presbyterian Church requested that Wyoming join them on four Wednesday evenings during February in bringing a former Roman Catholic priest, Rev. J. A. Fernandez, to be the speaker at Prayer Meetings. The Church voted to par- ticipate in this program, and Mr. Fernandez, a devout convert to Protestantism, conducted two services at each Church.

During the summer of 1954 the Sunday School spent \$367.50 to send eleven of the pupils to Camp Unami. The Men's and Ladies' Bible Classes made monthly contributions to this cause. The Sunday School also contributed \$34 toward the fund to send Baptist Orphanage boys and girls to Camp Unami.

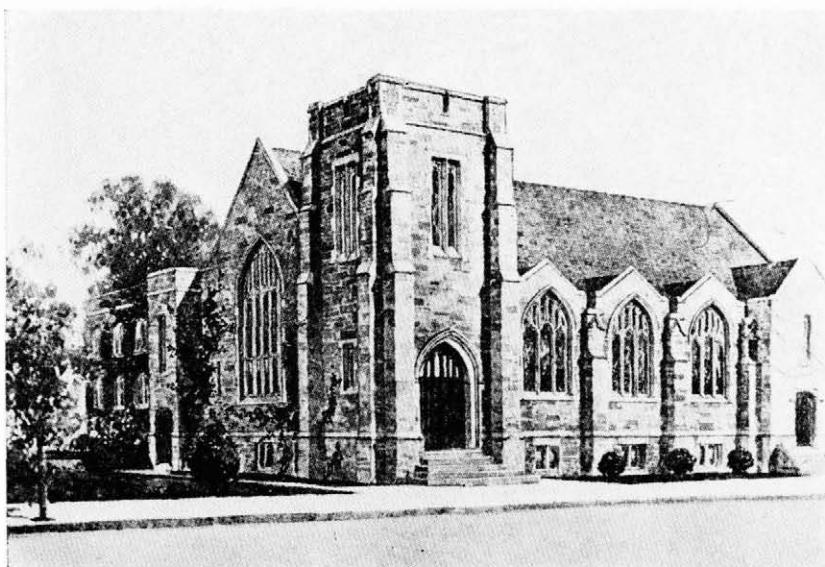
In September, the Children's Workers voted to dissolve their organization, which had been formed in 1934, and unite with the Sunday School Council.

Despite the fact that some of the younger families of the Church were moving into suburban areas during this period, the Church continued to enjoy progress in reaching many new families in the community, through evangelistic visitation.

Improvements made to the Church property during 1954 were:

Permanent partitions built around the Cradle Roll Department, and a washstand installed.

Beginner and Junior Departments soundproofed and decorated.
Pews in the sanctuary repaired and reinforced.
Choir-loft floor stepped up so all the Choir members could see the Director.
Walls and ceilings repaired and redecorated in the Nursery, Ladies' Room and Young Adults' Department; new exhaust fans in the rest rooms.
Old wiring and pipes removed from the front of the building.
Chimes overhauled and speakers on the roof repaired.
Amplifying system installed in the sanctuary with speakers in the Men's Class Room, Nursery and Choir Loft.
New coil and circulator installed to sufficiently heat the baptistry.
Fire door in the boiler room.
Other work, including reinforcing loose banisters, guard rails in the balcony, installing several door checks, repairing the roof, plumbing work.



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" —*Psalm 122:1*

At the annual business meeting in January 1955, the Choir requested that racks be installed to hold their Bibles, hymnbooks and Communion glasses. The Boy Scouts made and installed these racks for the Choir.

The Trustees placed Liability Insurance on the property, put fire extinguishers in the building, had the heating pipes covered

and the amplifier reconditioned, and installed inside lights to display the stained-glass windows. A speaker was installed in the Nursery, so that those on duty there during morning and evening worship would be able to hear the services.

The Sunday School attendance showed an increase at this time. A Leadership Training Course on "Evangelism" was conducted on Council Meeting nights, and teachers, officers, prospective teachers, and anyone else who was interested was welcome to attend the study. The *Wi-Bi News*, a paper announcing and reporting the activities of the Church and Sunday School, made very interesting reading. Editor Ben Hetrick and his staff put many hours of work into this monthly publication.

Pastor Himes requested the Boards and Committees presenting reports at the annual meeting to turn in written reports to the Church Clerk.

A new piano was needed for use in the sanctuary, and a Committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Stella Reeves, Chairman, Mrs. Himes, Mrs. Hookway, Mrs. Richard Irvin and Mrs. Albert Teall. Pastor Himes and the committee selected the beautiful grand piano for the sanctuary. It was paid for by contributions of members and friends who gave more than \$1,000. Most of the gifts were in memory of mothers who were with the Lord, or in honor of living mothers. Others were given in memory of fathers, and other members of the donors' families. The piano was dedicated at the Sunday evening service, June 12, 1955, with a special piano recital in which Kathleen Himes, Evelyn Gulyas, Grace Whitehair and Mrs. Robert Hartman participated.

During 1955 the Church received 24 members into the fellowship, 18 of them by baptism. The losses were 17, leaving a net gain of 7 members, and a total membership of 320.

The Sunday School classes, and children's and young people's groups reported helping in the Good Shepherd Ministry to hospitals, prisons, and other institutions in the Philadelphia area. They also brought Christmas Cheer to many who otherwise would have been without it.

Mrs. Robert Hartman resigned as Organist-Director, and was replaced by Mr. Norman Birtwistle.

The Church participated in the denomination's Year of Baptist Achievement, which began in September 1955. This program

encouraged attendance at the local church services. As a result there was increased attendance at the worship services, and an average increase of 44 persons in Sunday School per Sunday over the same period of 1954. A great deal of interest was created by the "Flight of the Birds" contest in Sunday School, in which the various departments and organized classes were designated as certain birds, such as "The Eagles," and progressed in their flight as they accomplished prescribed requirements.

The Philadelphia Baptist Association celebrated its 250th Anniversary in 1956, and in trying to appropriately commemorate the occasion the officers and Board members decided to seek to raise \$250,000 for Church Extension Work in the Philadelphia area. Wyoming accepted a quota of \$4,000 for this purpose: \$2,000 to be given in 1956; \$2,000 in 1957. This quota was met. The Association's Committee on Evangelism made a special effort to stimulate interest in home visitation evangelism for four weeks in the fall. They also invited Dr. Billy Graham to come to Philadelphia and conduct a crusade in 1957.

In 1956, Mr. George McLachlan passed away, leaving one-quarter of his estate to the Church. The money was left in trust to his sister-in-law, with the provision that as long as she or her husband lived, the Church would not receive the money. If her husband survived her, the Church would receive interest on the money upon the death of the sister-in-law, and the principal on the death of her husband.

The Church property, exclusive of the contents and the organ, was valued at \$249,000, and the parsonage at \$19,000.

Pastor Himes held an instruction class for candidates for baptism, and 11 were baptized on Children's Day.

The stained-glass front window in the original frame building was a landmark in Feltonville. It pictured "The Good Shepherd," and the head of Christ was particularly beautiful. Mrs. Hookway had preserved this section of the window, and the Trustees had this lovely likeness of the head of Christ inserted in the large west window, at a cost of \$30.

A new roof was put on the Church at a cost of \$1,100, Fellowship Hall was painted, other repair work was done on the building, and the last tree was removed from the front pavement, with the result that the treasury was rather low and the Sinking Fund balance

was down to \$2,000. The missionary contributions were running behind the budget by the fall of 1956. However, all commitments were met before the year ended.

New robes—black with maroon stoles—were secured for the Choir at a cost of \$359.69.

The Protestant ministers of the Olney area sponsored a combined service on Reformation Sunday evening, at the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church. On Pastor Himes's recommendation the Church voted to participate in this service to commemorate the breaking away of the Protestant group from the Roman Catholic Church.

The average attendance at worship services for the year of 1956 was as follows: Morning, 197; evening, 91. This represented an increase over the 1955 attendance.

There were 30 additions to the membership during 1956 (22 by baptism) and seven losses, giving a net gain of 23.

Pastor Himes held a week of special services at the Woodlyn Baptist Church in March 1957. Rev. J. A. Fernandez and Rev. and Mrs. Elvin Peters supplied the pulpit while Pastor Himes was absent. The Deacons conducted Prayer Meeting. For six Wednesday evenings in the spring, Pastor Himes gave a course in church membership, planned especially for those joining the Church, instead of the regular Bible study period. The Deaconesses and several other women assumed the responsibility for looking after the Nursery during Sunday evening services. A new rack for tracts was constructed by Mr. William Wolfinger, and placed on a table in the foyer in charge of Mrs. William Wolfinger. It was agreed that all tracts should be stamped with the Church's name, as alien tracts were slipped into the rack occasionally.

During the first three weeks of Pastor Himes's vacation in 1957 the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Howard Stewart, Rev. Walter Capper and Dr. Oliver W. Hurst. Pastor Himes took the fourth week of his vacation in late October, to conduct evangelistic services for Rev. Paul Reiter, in Virginia. Mr. Reiter was a former member of Wyoming.

Pastor Himes suggested that the Board of Deacons divide the Church membership into areas, and each member of the Board be assigned a group to be visited regularly.

The film, *A Man Called Peter*, the very inspiring story of Rev. Peter Marshall, Chaplain of the United States Senate, was shown at the Church on an October Saturday evening.

The Deacons called on prospective members in October, as part of the Visitation-Evangelism Campaign. The Church engaged a bus and took 37 people to the Chestnut Street Baptist Church to attend a young people's Evangelistic Rally, conducted by Dr. Curtis Nims, of Stockton, California. Following an instruction period under Dr. Nims, 28 members of Wyoming made personal evangelistic visits in this community. Dr. Nims held services at several churches in the Philadelphia area, and many people from Wyoming attended and were inspired by his powerful messages. Throughout the city many young people took a stand for full-time service for the Lord.

The Deacons expressed concern about the young people of the Church, and recommended that a Director of Youth Activities be secured to lead them. Mr. Richard Seeley, a student at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was engaged to be the Pastor's Assistant, with special responsibility in the field of Youth Activities. He began his work in October 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hersam presented to the Church a beautiful chair for the Pastor's use at the Communion Table.

The Ladies' Aid contributed \$40 toward the painting of the exterior of the Church and parsonage.

Pastor Himes's theme for November was "Stewardship," and for December, "Church Loyalty." The children of the Junior Church were asked to attend the morning worship service and remain until after the Children's Sermon and the Offering, when they would return to their room, under the leadership of Mrs. Alberta Capper and Mrs. Bessie Knell. The interest of these leaders extended beyond the service time. They took 17 of the children downtown at Christmas time on a shopping tour.

Two vacancies were left in the work when Mr. and Mrs. Howard Teall moved to New Jersey. Howard was a Deacon and Sarah had charge of the Pioneer Group of young people. Another vacancy was left on the Board of Deacons by the resignation of Mrs. Anna Turner Edwards, who moved to Florida.

The Church dinners on annual business meetings nights became increasingly popular, and resulted in attendance of about 100 mem-

bers at the business meetings. The Ladies' Aid bought three coffee urns and the Trustees built a closet in which to store them.

The property at 131 East Wyoming Avenue was offered to the Church at \$13,500. This was considered for use as the parsonage, so that 127 could be used for classes and meeting rooms. The proposal was discussed at the Church business meeting, but it was not approved. The Trustees remodeled the parsonage (127) at a cost of nearly \$2,000.

Pastor Himes expressed his appreciation to those who had served on the staff of the Vacation Bible School, as well as to the members and friends who had helped through their contributions and prayers.

Amendments were made to the By-Laws at this time, involving placing the Church under "Capital Indebtedness" of \$10,000 or over, and the joining of any religious denomination or order or group by the Church, other than the regularly constituted groups of the American Baptist Convention. These amendments in their entirety appear in the By-Laws.

Pastor Himes had the joy of seeing one of Wyoming's young men, who had grown up in the Church under his spiritual guidance, enter into fulltime service for the Lord. Rev. Walter Baker was ordained in the Church in September 1957, and a few months later he and his wife, Dorothy, went to the Mission Field in Haiti for a five-year term of service.

In 1957 the John Stephens family moved to Glendora, New Jersey. Their letters were granted with regret, as Mrs. Stephens (nee Alice Rushton) was a Charter Member of Wyoming, and all the family had taken an active part in the work.

The American Baptist Convention's Lay Development program was adopted at Wyoming. One group of members worked on the subject of "The People and Their Pastor," and brought a report of proposals for closer co-operation between the two. Another considered the subject, "The Music Program of the Local Church." These reports and others on "Community Witness," "Communications," and "A Pattern for a Baptist Church" were read by representatives of the various committees, and filed with the Church minutes for 1957.

Misses Kathleen and Barbara Himes and Lois Council formed a vocal trio—The Gospel Belles—and their singing was enjoyed at many of the Church services.

The Pastor and Deacons invited Dr. Walter Woodbury to preach at the Communion Service on Sunday, October 6, 1957. That afternoon Dr. Woodbury met with members of Wyoming Avenue, Olney, and West Oak Lane Baptist Churches, for a briefing session on conducting evangelistic visitations in their communities. As a result, parties of two went from these churches during the following week, inviting prospective members to accept Christ as their Saviour and to unite with His Church.

The Board of Deacons designated the October Communion offering to go to Dr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Hurst to help to lighten the financial burden imposed upon them by their recent, very serious automobile accident.

The Trustees reported that improvements were made to the Primary Department, the Nursery, and the kitchen. The outside of the church was pointed, and some remodeling was done in the parsonage.

Twelve candidates were presented for Church membership at the close of 1957.

For the Christmas season red and green floodlights illuminated the front of the building. These lights were changed to amber for the remainder of each year.

In January 1958, the Church approved the formation of a Board of Christian Education, with nine members. The duty of this Board was to plan the educational program of the Church, and to co-ordinate all of the organizations engaged in Christian Education, including the Sunday School, the Young People's Societies, and the children's and young people's missionary groups. The Leadership-Training Program of the Church also was to be planned by this Board, of which the Pastor and the Sunday School Superintendent were members *ex officio*.

Evangelistic services were held during the week of March 16-23, 1958, with Rev. Melvin Forney, Executive Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, as the guest preacher. The messages were truly inspirational and the attendance was very good, in spite of a severe snowstorm during the week. The Pastor and Deacons were gratified at the results. In April, 19 candidates were presented to the Church for membership—18 of them by baptism.

The large stained-glass window at the rear of the sanctuary was badly in need of repair. The leading between the sections of

glass was so loose that in a heavy storm the water ran down on the foyer floor. Before a new floor was installed the Trustees solicited estimates for re-leading and repairing the window. The work was done at a cost of \$2,192. At this time the Church property was repaired and redecorated, thanks to the many hours of labor contributed by Jackson McGraw, Elmer Rhoades, Sr., James McLay, Charles Mathues, James Dambach, William Hinchcliff, and others.

Mrs. Regina Kern presented a beautiful American Flag to the Men's Class in loving memory of her husband, Mr. Norman Kern, who passed away in April, 1958.

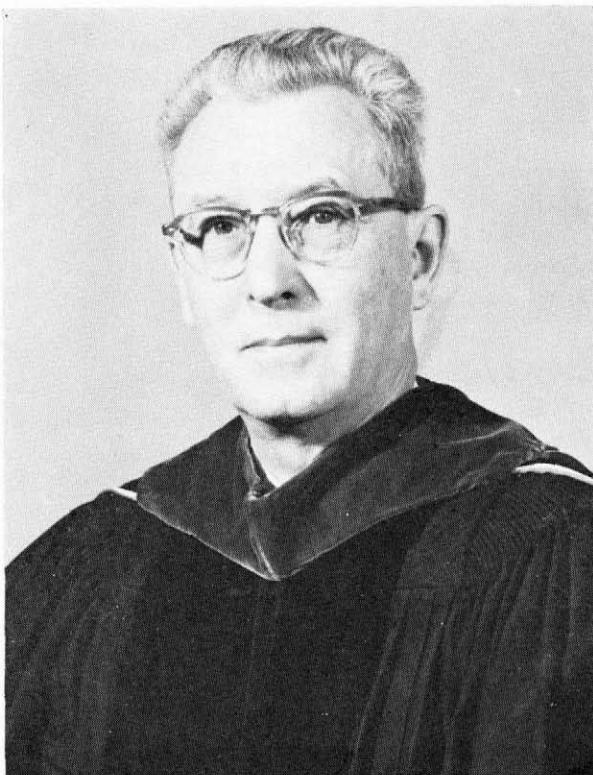
The Music Committee obtained metal cabinets in which to store the choir robes, and they had 50 robes cleaned.

After nearly seventeen years as Pastor of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. John W. Himes resigned, effective as of September 15, 1958, to accept a call to the Brookland Baptist Church of Washington, D. C. It was with much regret that Wyoming said good-by to Pastor and Mrs. Himes, Carey, Kathleen, Barbara and Nancy. The Church held a farewell reception for the Himes family, and presented gifts to them, including a set of china. Pastor Himes had many invitations to other pulpits during his ministry at Wyoming. This time, however, he felt that the Lord was giving him a definite call.

Pastor Himes performed the wedding ceremony for 147 couples during his years at Wyoming. His manner was always one of quiet dignity, befitting such an occasion.

At the quarterly business meeting in October 1958, Rev. Walter Capper presided over the election of a Moderator to conduct the Church business sessions until such time as a new pastor should take the pulpit. Mr. J. Arthur Hookway was elected Moderator. The membership numbered 364.

While the Church was without a pastor, Dr. Carl Morgan consented to serve as Pastor *ad interim*, conducting the Sunday morning and evening worship services. Rev. Walter Capper had charge of Prayer Meetings, and Mr. Samuel J. Baker conducted Prayer Meetings in Mr. Capper's absence. On October 12, Rev. and Mrs. William Simons spoke at morning and evening services, telling of the work that they were doing as missionaries to the Philippine Islands. They were most appreciative of Wyoming's support of their work. Mrs. Simons addressed the women and girls during the Sunday School hour, and Mr. Simons, the men and boys.



DR. CARL MORGAN

Mr. Edwin Schneider, a prospective Organist-Director, came to Wyoming in 1958 for a trial period of three months. The Choir showed increased interest and attendance under his leadership, and he was asked to remain.

The Deaconesses recommended that a cabinet with a lock be furnished for the safekeeping of the Communion service and supplies. The Trustees complied with this request.

A total of \$19,010 was received and deposited to the Current Expense Fund, and \$7,880 to the Missionary Fund for the year of 1958. During the year 36 members were received into the Church, 27 of them by baptism. The average attendance for the year follows: Sunday morning, 197; Sunday evening, 88. Dr. Morgan presided at the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services.

The Board of Deacons, acting as the Pulpit Committee, had a very busy season from the time of Pastor Himes's resignation until the new pastor was called. Dr. Carl Morgan informed the Com-

mittee that the Regional Board of the American Baptist Convention had made a new ruling that no Dean or Professor of an American Baptist Seminary could serve for more than three months as an Interim Pastor. Dr. Morgan said that he would be able to continue to minister to the congregation on Sunday mornings, and would be glad to help the Committee to obtain other speakers for the Sunday evening services.

Through the organizations and classes of the Sunday School and Church a fine collection of toys was gathered for the Community Christian Mission. These gifts were distributed among 200 children at Christmastime.

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The Pulpit Committee invited Rev. Raymond A. Gimmi, Pastor of the Pittsgrove Baptist Church of Daretown, New Jersey, to preach at the morning and evening services on January 4, 1959. Believing that God was leading, at the annual meeting on January 14, the Church voted to extend to him a unanimous call to the pulpit. Pastor Gimmi accepted the call on January 18, and began his ministry at Wyoming on March 15, 1959. He and Mrs. Gimmi (nee Betty James), and daughters, Grace and Betty Lou, moved into the parsonage, which had been repaired, equipped with a new gas range, and redecorated. As a final touch, the entire house received a thorough cleaning, thanks to the services of Mrs. Howard Censky, Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, and Mrs. Wister Moore.

Pastor Gimmi expressed his gratitude for the outstanding leadership of Dr. Carl Morgan, during the months that Dr. Morgan had served as Pastor *ad Interim*. He asked that the congregation express thanks to Mr. Hookway for his services as Moderator during the period between ministers. Mr. Hookway thanked all the Board members and the Church members for their faithfulness and co-operation in the six months that the Church was without a regular pastor.

The members of the Ladies' Aid received thanks for their generous contributions to the Church, and for their many services during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schimpf were accorded a vote of thanks for their work in preparing the Church bulletins each week.

The Day Missionary Society reported much activity. They prepared a project involving greeting cards for the use of Dorothy and Walter Baker at the mission station in Haiti; they made dolls for the work of the Good Shepherd Ministry; they made hospital sup-

plies. Mrs. Censky reported that the offering at the March meeting of this group was \$35 from the 16 women who were present.

The Helping Hands, a group of ten very young girls, engaged in many missionary projects. Their leader, Mrs. Bessie Knell, reported that they were sending used sheets to Hungary, and would welcome donations.

In October 1959, two sisters and their cousin—Miss Marie Knoedler, Mrs. Emily Glenn, and Mr. Fred Lang—joined Wyoming. They came from a church that felt it necessary to dissolve and divide its assets among the members who were affiliated with the church at the time. These three new members brought their shares to Wyoming (\$1,500), and the money was set aside to provide a new secretary's office for the Church, including flooring, furniture, lighting and equipment. (This work was done in 1961.)

Pastor Gimmi made many innovations in the program at Wyoming, and was grateful for the willingness on the part of the people to change established procedures, and their spirit of eagerness for work. He was instrumental in introducing a Community Vacation Church School, in which the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church and Wyoming co-operated to form a most successful endeavor for God.

As a result of the "Church Loyalty Crusade," "Every-Member Visitation," and publicity, especially through the fall months, attendance at the Sunday services grew substantially. In the latter part of November 1959, the First Missions Conference was held. It proved to be a blessing and gave a wonderful impetus to the "World Fellowship Offering," which showed a 600% increase over the previous year.

Mr. Kurt Frank, a native of Germany, who was studying for the ministry at Eastern Seminary, came to Wyoming as Assistant to Pastor Gimmi. He did a fine work with the young people, leading, training and inspiring them in Bible study, prayer, and participation in the Church program. He helped them to plan and joined with them in social activities and sporting events.

Two new groups were formed at the Church in the fall of 1959: The 40-Plus Fellowship, and the Senior Fellowship. The Senior Fellowship opened its doors to every adult in the Church. This group met for the express purpose of Bible study, at 6:45 on Sunday evening. (More will be said of the 40-Plus Fellowship).

Mrs. William Wolfinger organized a group to staff the Church Nursery during morning worship.

During the period between pastors, 22 members asked to have their letters transferred to other churches, and there was a loss of three by death. So although the Church gained 20 new members in 1959, a net loss of five members resulted, and the year came to a close with an enrollment of 359. The Sunday School showed a net gain of 27 this year, with a total enrollment of 354.

Mr. Jack Schraeder, President of the Board of Trustees, reported an expenditure of \$1,117 in the parsonage for plastering, papering, painting, a new kitchen range and extensive electrical work, including 100-amp service, some new outlets and lighting fixtures. A permanent enclosure was placed around the organ console, matching the woodwork and pulpit furniture. New lights were placed in the Church foyer, and the large stained-glass window was repaired and covered with a protective glass; the ceiling, side walls and window sills in the foyer were plastered, painted and repaired. New glass-brick and jalousie windows were installed in the Primary Department; the organ and eight pianos were repaired, tuned and cleaned. The total cost of this work, including the expenditure in the parsonage, was \$4,658.

The Trustees expressed their indebtedness: to the Ladies' Aid for their financial assistance with the organ enclosure; to the Primary Department for their contribution toward the new windows in their room; to Mrs. Hess for the beautiful clock in the sanctuary, which she gave in memory of her husband, Mr. Louis S. Hess.

Besides contributing \$150 toward the organ enclosure this year, the Ladies' Aid served dinner for several social gatherings and business meetings at the Church, contributed generously to the White Gift Offering, and gave \$120 to the Building Fund, as well as helping in other special projects. President Stella Reeves invited and urged the women who did not belong to the Ladies' Aid to join this very important and active organization.

The Cub Scout Troop, with Mr. Albert Rosania as Cubmaster, more than doubled its membership during the five-year period from 1955 to 1959. In 1959 the Troop had 45 Cubs and 15 leaders. About 90% of their members graduated into Boy Scout Troop 210. The Cub Scouts took a trip at least once a month to a place of interest, such as: the historic areas of Philadelphia, the Bell Tele-

phone Building, the zoo, the Bulletin Building, Big Top, the Airport, and the Naval Air Station. Boy Scout Troop 210, with Mr. Jules Eibner as Scoutmaster, reported growth similar to that of the Cub Scouts. Attendance at the Boy Scouts' Blue-and-Gold Banquet showed an increase each year.

Several activities deserve special mention as major projects for 1960:

1. Special Tithing Emphasis. January was a time of examination of God's ownership of all possessions. On Tither's Dedication Sunday more than 40 individuals, couples, and families publicly dedicated themselves to the tithing of their money to God as a minimum of their giving to His work.

2. Spiritual Enrichment Week. This week of special meetings under the leadership of Dr. Norman W. Paullin, was without a doubt one of the high points of the year at Wyoming.

3. The Second Annual Missionary Conference. Once again, in November, God enabled Wyoming to have as guests some of His finest servants from the mission fields of the world. Rev. William Robbins and Miss Helen Gaskill, both of them missionaries to the Congo, Rev. John Bytte, Director of the Good Shepherd Ministry of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, and Mr. Gabriel Sharon, a national from Burma and East Pakistan, helped the people to really understand "The Triumphs and the Challenge of Missions."

4. Spiritual Goals Campaign. The Pastor presented the goals of Spiritual Renewal and Increased Attendance, both of which were stressed in connection with the Every-Family Visitation Program.

The proposed Missionary Budget for 1960 included an item of \$1,700 for CHEC (Christian Higher Education Challenge.) CHEC was a program of the American Baptist Convention designed to fill the need for more ministers and church leaders in the denomination. Business and Government were sending thousands of young people to schools of higher education. Now the American Baptist Convention, as well as nearly every other major denomination, was starting a program to secure funds for Christian higher education. This meant strengthening the existing schools, colleges, seminaries, and providing new ones, increasing the campus ministry to students, providing scholarships to encourage young people to prepare for Christian ministry and other work. As part of a great American Baptist Convention drive to raise \$7,500,000, Wyoming was asked

to contribute \$5,000, to be paid over a three-year period. The Church voted to accept this quota, and fulfilled it.

The goal set for 1960 by the Board of Trustees was a very ambitious renovation program for the Church property. The Board selected the following projects, and each was completed and paid for by the year's end, at a cost of \$10,977.28: Glass block and jalousie vents installed in all basement and rear-building windows; new ceiling tile in the Nursery rooms and Young Adults Department; painting the above departments and around all the new windows; new flooring in the Church foyer; new carpeting in the sanctuary, pulpit, Choir loft and foyer; new air-conditioner in the Pastor's Study; roof repairs to the east side of the Church building; electrical work and wall scraping in the parsonage. A special Easter offering helped to defray the cost of this work. In his Board of Trustees report on these accomplishments, Mr. A. A. Turner expressed thanks to Mr. Samuel Baker for painting the radiators in the Church, and to Mr. Jackson McGraw for taking off the doors at the rear of the sanctuary and shortening and rehanging them to fit over the new carpet. A vote of thanks was extended to the Trustees for their excellent work in contracting for and expediting all the improvements made during the year.

The Church increased the Current Expense budget by 25% (\$5,000) over 1959, and allotted \$2,000 for the expansion of the Ministry of Music. Mr. Edwin Schneider was asked to devote his services to the work of Organist, and Mr. Frederick Fink was engaged as Director of the Senior Choir. The Music Committee, in its annual report, expressed satisfaction with this new arrangement. The Committee also expressed appreciation to Miss Violet Caddick and Miss Carol Marshall, the Director and Pianist of the Junior Choir, and to Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, who "on Wednesday evenings and on many holidays, witnesses and ministers to our community through our amplified chimes."

During 1960 the attendance figures showed an annual average of 231 at Sunday morning worship and 97 on Sunday evening. The Fellowship Fund served 52 needy causes during the year at an expenditure of \$1,205.

After 23 years of faithful service as Treasurer of the Church—1937 to 1960—Mr. Walter H. Grimm resigned because of ill health. At the 1961 annual business meeting, the Church gave Mr. Grimm a wristwatch engraved with a message of appreciation. From 1915,

when Mr. and Mrs. Grimm joined the Church as a result of the Billy Sunday Campaign, until 1960, he worked willingly as a devoted member of one of the Boards, or as an officer.

Mr. William Pearce was elected to the office of Treasurer in 1961.

Mr. Arthur Turner presented the proposed Current Expense Budget for 1961, of \$25,000, and Mrs. Harry Kirsch read the proposed Missionary Budget of \$9,950. Both of these were adopted.

The special emphases in the Church life for 1961 were:

1. "The Deeper Life Crusade"—a combined preaching and home Bible study program. Under the title, "The Bible Speaks," many doctrines of God's Word were expounded and studied.

2. "Counselor Training for the Billy Graham Crusade." Between 60 and 70 of the congregation enrolled in this course which was led by the Billy Graham Crusade Team. More than 30 completed the training and served during the Crusade Meetings.

3. The Billy Graham Crusade. In the nightly and week-end buses from Wyoming, more than 1,600 people were transported to the meetings, most of which were held at Convention Hall. Men, women and young people came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. Numerous others offered themselves in deeper dedication to Jesus Christ. "Follow-Up Classes" and "Cell Groups" were formed, and through these the Crusade was extended. All who worked as ushers, choir members, counselors, advisors, registration clerks and office secretaries, as well as those who attended the meetings were enriched by their experience. The impact of the Crusade should be felt for a long time.

4. The Third Annual Missions Conference. Mission Board executives, missionaries and nationals from some of the mission fields participated in this program in November. They brought to the Church messages and testimonies that gave Wyoming a new vision of reaching the world for Christ. The first evidence of this was an increase of 95% in the 1961 World Fellowship Offering over that of the previous year, and an increase in the White Gift Offering at Christmas time.

A new amplifier was installed in Fellowship Hall, given by the Bona Fide Class of young women in the Sunday School, with Mrs. William Breitmeyer as their teacher.

New hymnals were needed in the Church, and 407 were given by members and friends in memory of their loved ones. The family of Mrs. Jennie Colebaugh presented to the Church 100 Bibles in her memory.

Pastor Gimmi did not attend the American Baptist Convention in 1961, and turned back to the Church his \$300 allowance for Convention expenses. The Church voted to return \$100 to Pastor Gimmi toward the automobile that he had recently bought, and to use the remaining \$200 toward the purchase of chairs for Fellowship Hall.

For fifteen years the class that had been taught by Mrs. Cuthill and Mrs. Walls paid for flowers for the pulpit on the first Sunday of each month. The Church Clerk, Mrs. David Coopwood, was asked to write to Mrs. Richard Irvin, expressing thanks to the members of the class for their faithful ministry in supplying the Communion Sunday flowers.

Rev. Kurt Frank, a very popular Assistant to Pastor Gimmi, was called to the pulpit of the Baptist Church of the Redeemer, Brooklyn, New York, upon his graduation from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. There was real regret when Kurt and his wife, Barbara, left Wyoming, and yet the people rejoiced that God had opened up to them this wide field of service for Him.

Mr. Edwin W. Richardson, Jr., who grew up in the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church, was preparing for the Christian ministry. He accepted the invitation to assume the duties of Assistant to the Pastor. He endeavored to visit five homes of children in the Sunday School each week, in an effort to encourage parents who were not active in the Church to attend the services. This was Mr. Richardson's third year of work with the Ambassadors, a Society of boys and girls from nine to 14 years of age. The organization had grown so much in the three years that it was deemed advisable to divide the group into 9-11 year olds, and 12-14 year olds.

A Community Vacation Church School was held again this year in conjunction with the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church. Rev. Boswell Clark and Pastor Gimmi directed the school, with the help of a staff of 30 workers. The average daily attendance was 125.

The Ladies' Aid Society enjoyed an active year, contributing generously to the Improvement Fund, as always, and responding whenever a special need arose.



REV. RAYMOND A. GIMMI

The Sunday School increased during the year, having an enrollment of 382 at the end of 1961.

As Treasurer of the Fellowship Fund, Mrs. Harry Kirsch reported that the Fund had met 49 needs during 1961, with total disbursements of \$1,318, and had a balance of \$274 to start 1962.

Wyoming closed 1961 with a total membership of 393.

The Missionary Budget for 1962 was \$11,500. This included an item of \$500 to sponsor a new Baptist Church in an area of Japan that had no Christian Church. A contribution of \$500 a year for five years established a church and put it on a self-supporting basis. Wyoming agreed to undertake this project.

The tragic accidental death of our missionary to Alaska, Miss Estelle Marlin, while she was at home on furlough, left a large gap in the staff of the Kodiak Baptist Homes in Alaska. The Church voted to contribute to the expenses of Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Essex, who went to Kodiak after Miss Marlin's death. This seemed to the

Church a fitting tribute to the memory of Wyoming's fellow-member and friend, Miss Estelle Marlin.

Also included in this budget was an item for American Baptist World Mission Support. This is a fund that takes missionaries to and from their fields of service, looks after them if they are ill, helps with their support if the church that is sponsoring them discontinues its contributions, pays their pensions, and performs many other services.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. James Dambach for the excellent work she had done in preparing the Annual Reports for distribution at the annual meeting. These reports contain much interesting information concerning the workings and activities of the Church and Pastor, the boards, committees and organizations. They are of inestimable value to the historians as they endeavor to record the events and accomplishments of importance in the life of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church.

The Church also voted an expression of appreciation to Mrs. Betty Gimmi, Mrs. Lerlie Rainer, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wallace and Miss Violet Caddick, who were giving excellent adult leadership to some of the young people's and children's groups of the Church.

Wyoming was singularly honored by the election of one of the members as Moderator of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, an organization comprising 113 Baptist Churches of Philadelphia and vicinity. Mr. J. Arthur Hookway was elected Vice-Moderator in 1961, and Moderator from 1962 to 1964. This position necessitated the expenditure of much time, thought, and effort on the part of Mr. Hookway, who, at the same time continued his activities connected with various Boards, committees and organizations in the Church.

Pastor Gimmi instituted a special feature at the Sunday morning services. Each week, over a period of many months, he introduced to the congregation one or two of the Church families. He called a family or individual to the front of the sanctuary, told of the work and activities of the adults, the positions they held and had held in the Church, the departments and classes in the Sunday School that they and their children attended. This served to acquaint the members as well as visitors with all the people in the Church family.

Like Pastor Hookway, Pastor Hurst and Pastor Himes, Pastor Gimmi spent a great deal of time on work that was not directly

connected with his Sunday sermons. While the details are not known to anyone but him, he was able to render valuable help in the fields of vocational guidance, premarital counseling, personal and family-problem consultation. Administrative responsibilities within the life of the Church, as well as in the wider fellowship of Baptists in the Philadelphia Baptist Association, the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Convention required much of his time.

In addition to the fine singing of the choirs this year, the new Choir Director, Mr. Fred Fink, planned special selections for the Sunday evening services: brass solos, duets, trios and quartettes (in which he participated), a Teen Chorale, vocal selections by members and organizations, as well as by invited guests. One night a month was "Youth Night" when the Senior Young People's Society had charge of all the service except the message.

The new robes of the Junior Choir were an attractive addition to the worship services. They were made by Mrs. Mabel Astle and financed by the Church. Some of the other expenditures reported by the Board of Trustees for 1961 were:

\$ 885—New Bibles and Hymnals
550—New Chairs and Carrier Trucks
2,200—New Office—Flooring, Furniture, Lighting, Equipment (\$1,500 of this amount was contributed by Mrs. Glenn, Miss Knoedler and Mr. Lang)
370—Termite Control
395—Painting and Papering the Parsonage

In January 1962, Mr. Edwin Richardson, Jr. was licensed by the Church to preach the Gospel. He ended his final year as Student Assistant to Pastor Gimmi by accepting a call to become the pastor of the Aldenville and Clinton Center Baptist Churches located in northeastern Pennsylvania. In September the Deacons sponsored a Recognition Service and Fellowship Hour to honor Mr. Richardson and to wish him Godspeed. His work at Wyoming had lasting results. His love and zeal for Christ, and his fine Christian character endeared him to the hearts of the people of Wyoming.

During 1962, the Deacons were asked to assume responsibility for greeting the worshipers as they entered the sanctuary, and giving them church bulletins. Their reverent decorum helped to inspire

like conduct on the part of the congregation, in a large measure quieting the seeming chaos that existed in the foyer between Sunday School and morning worship. The Deacons also acted as ushers.

Rev. Walter Capper assisted Pastor Gimmi in the service of Holy Communion in February and November. The Fellowship Offerings, received at Communion services, totaled \$697 for the year. This money was put to many good uses: Relief of storm victims in New Jersey who had lost their homes and personal belongings in a hurricane; Inter-Church Child Care; meeting personal needs of members and friends of the Church; Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas remembrances for the sick and shut-ins; contributions to the Ministers' and Missionaries' Benefit Board; to the Baptist Home for Christmas turkeys.

The Trustees had the Church property reappraised and learned that it was not sufficiently insured, and the condition was remedied. They also purchased storm matting for the foyer, believing that this would protect and extend the life of the carpeting.

At the July business meeting, Pastor Gimmi set forth the duties of a Church Visitor as follows:

1. Make a systematic visit to try to bring back delinquent members.
2. Pay systematic visits to shut-ins.
3. Visit new families in the community and other prospective members.
4. Do general congregational visiting.

Mr. Samuel J. Baker was asked to fill this position, and agreed to do so. Pastor Gimmi reported later in the year that this was a part-time position, but that Mr. Baker was giving more hours to it than the pay required.

During 1962, Mr. Baker's son, Rev. Walter Baker, and his family came home on furlough from the mission field in Haiti, and then returned to the field for another five-year term.

At the second annual Bible Conference in the spring, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Jackson brought a stirring spiritual ministry that richly blessed those who attended the services. Six outstanding laymen also participated as leaders of the Conference.

The American Baptist Convention held its annual sessions in Philadelphia in 1962. The Pastor and many of the members had



The Lord is in his holy temple.—*Psalm 11:4a*

a part in preparing for the entertainment of the guests who visited the city. Pastor Gimmi was Chairman of the committee that arranged approximately eighty special breakfasts, lunches and dinners that were held during the five-day Convention. Many of the congregation were greatly blessed by sharing in the sessions, especially the great service of Missionary Dedication on the Sunday evening of the Convention.

Dr. J. Wesley Ingles, Dr. Gustave Gabelman, and Mr. Rowan Pearce supplied the pulpit during Pastor Gimmi's vacation.

In October, the time of the Sunday evening service was moved from the 7:45-9:00 P. M. hour to 7:00-8:00 P. M. Under the direction of Mrs. Wister Moore, a nursery for the Sunday evening service time was again established. The attendance showed a marked increase under the new plan.

The Forty-Plus Fellowship, organized by Pastor Gimmi in September 1959—a group of men and women (forty or older) from

Wyoming and other churches—met together in Fellowship Hall the second Saturday evening of each month for fun and fellowship, inspiration and worship. Sometimes the members visited Christ Home in Warminster, Pennsylvania, and held services for the guests of the Home (who included some members of Wyoming), or went to the Community Christian Mission or Grace Settlement House to hold their meeting, or took an excursion to the mountains, the seashore, or another city. This organization was a source of great enjoyment to many people, and also was instrumental in interesting in the work of the Church people who had no church home. Some of them were drawn into the Church family.

Pastor Gimmi, his wife and two daughters enhanced many of the church services by their singing and instrumental music.

A Planning Committee was appointed in 1962 which would handle the drafting and presenting to the membership of major projects necessary to the proper functioning of the Church and Sunday School. One such project was the moving of the Nursery and Cradle-Roll Departments and possible procurement of additional property to accommodate future growth. One of the first activities of this committee was the solicitation of all the Church members regarding the installation of air-conditioning in the sanctuary. The response to the questionnaire circulated on this subject led the Planning Committee to abandon the project for the time. A large exhaust fan was installed in the roof of the building to change the air every ten minutes. Improvements were made in the parsonage at this time.

The Annual Missions Conference that Pastor Gimmi established in his first year at Wyoming proved to be a very worth-while feature of the Church life. Special missionary speakers were invited for each Sunday and Prayer Meeting for the weeks of the Conference. The purpose of this program was to help the membership to have a better understanding of the spiritual needs of the peoples of the world, that can be met only as they hear the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. The Fourth Annual Missions Conference was held in November. One of the leaders was Rev. Walter Baker, who told of his work in Haiti. It was a joy to hear of the fine service that he and his wife rendered there. Rev. and Mrs. Alan Gibbs also helped to expand missionary horizons as they presented the work of the field in Africa for which they were preparing. The Church participates in the American Baptist Convention's World



View of the Back of the Sanctuary

Fellowship Offering as part of this special missionary emphasis each year, as well as in the America for Christ Offering for Home Missions each February.

In the fall of 1962 the Helping Hands, led by Mrs. Bessie Knell, had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to divide it into two groups in order to obtain the best results. The younger group was named the Junior Guild, and the teenagers were The Estelle Marlin Fellowship Guild. Mrs. Alva Council was also a leader in this work.

The Junior Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Capper, Jr., had an enrollment of 40. Mrs. Capper conducted this program for the children of the Church, in the Nursery Department Room, during the Sunday morning worship service.

The Church attendance average for 1962 was 231 at Sunday morning worship, 97 at Sunday evening worship, and 44 at Prayer Meeting. The average weekly attendance at Sunday School was 245, with an enrollment of 372, as of December.

At the annual business meeting in January 1963, missionary contributions to the Community Christian Mission, in the heart of Philadelphia, were increased because of the great need. The Church contributed to the Minimum Salary Plan of the American Baptist Convention (which subsidizes the salaries of ministers in the ABC whose annual salaries are less than \$3,600), and continued to contribute to American Baptist World Mission Support. Wyoming assumed the support of the new baby born to Dorothy and Walter Baker in Haiti, and contributed to the support of Rev. and Mrs. Alan Gibbs, who were preparing to go to Somali to teach in a mission school. Another item in the budget was a contribution of \$3,900, to be made over a three-year period, to the Capital Gains Improvement Program of Sunnybrook Baptist Camp. Contributions to the Baptist Home and Baptist Children's Home were increased to \$600 each. This is only a part of the \$12,060 Missionary Budget. The Current Expense Budget was increased to \$26,000.

The Board of Deacons established the Parish Zone Plan in which each deacon and deaconess was assigned a certain group of Church families for which he or she was to show concern and interest. It was hoped that each Church family would be visited several times a year under this plan.

Convinced that the strength of the Church could be measured only by the spiritual concern, vitality and growth of the people, the Pastor and Board of Deacons expressed their desire to do all in their power to stimulate and encourage the deepening of the spiritual life of each member of the congregation. Each program and project of the Church was sponsored toward the end that God might be glorified, that the saints might be edified, and that the lost might be brought to know Jesus Christ and accept Him as their Lord and Saviour.

Dr. Edward R. Dalglish and Rev. A. W. Jackson led the congregation in the Third Annual Bible Conference in the spring. The studies in the Book of Psalms and the other messages by these two ministers offered much information and inspiration to those who attended.

A majority of the Board of Deacons attended a Deacons' Training Conference sponsored by the Philadelphia Baptist Association. It was felt that they had profited greatly by these training sessions.

The Church program for the fall started auspiciously with an Every-Member Visitation, beginning on September 29, 1963, which

stimulated attendance at the week of services to commemorate the 72nd Anniversary. The Anniversary Week began with the World-Wide Communion Service on Sunday, October 6. The King's College Gospel Team brought a special program of music and testimony in the evening.

On Wednesday evening, October 9, the Anniversary Banquet was held in Fellowship Hall. The dinner was catered by McCallisters. The Master of Ceremonies was Anniversary Chairman, Mr. A. Arthur Turner. Songtime was led by Mr. Walter Whitehair. Mr. Turner gave recognition to Charter Members, some of the former members and visitors who were present. Pastor Gimmi brought an appropriate message of welcome.

Elizabeth Hookway Beuerle and Arthur Whitehair gave a Huntley-Brinkley type of report of the Church's history, entitled, "How We Grew." Leonore and Norman Curtis, a husband-and-wife singing team from King's College, Briarcliff Manor, New York, brought the evening to a fitting climax by presenting a beautiful and inspirational concert.

The Fifth Annual Missions Conference in the fall was highlighted by meetings in the homes of Church members on two evenings. The program included an opportunity to question the visiting missionary speaker. Rev. A. Scott Hutchison, of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, brought a challenging message and pictures of mission fields that emphasized the need for concern and sacrifice on the part of God's people for this worthy cause.

Mrs. Raymond Gimmi organized and directed a new choir for boys and girls in Grades 7 through 10, known as the Chancel Choir. The purpose of this choir was to train young people in reading music and in choir methods and discipline, so that they might sing to the glory of God in the services of the Church. Miss Violet Caddick, who directed the Junior Choir for some time, voiced the need for a Chancel Choir to bridge the gap between the Junior Choir and the Church's Senior Choir.

Beautiful brass flower vases for the pulpit were a gift from Mrs. Jeannette Williamson, presented to the Church in memory of her husband, Mr. Edward C. Williamson.

During 1963 the Church had the joy of seeing one of its recently acquired members enter into the Baptist ministry. Mr.

James Nordstrom was called to be the Pastor of the Alpha Community Baptist Church of Camden, New Jersey.

The Trustees concentrated much effort on the repairing of the organ, so that it was in excellent condition. They had the windows in the tower straightened, re-leaded and protected with storm glass. Work like this required professionals in particular fields. Many other jobs were done by members of the Board, with little or no expense to the Church.

The shot that was heard around the world on November 22, 1963, was a great shock to Wyoming also. The Church joined the rest of the nation in mourning the loss of President John F. Kennedy, when his life was brought to an untimely end by the bullet of an assassin.

At the annual business meeting in January 1964, the Church adopted a Missionary Budget of \$13,210, and a Current Expense Budget of \$26,000. Pastor Gimmi expressed his appreciation for the services of Mr. Samuel Baker, the Church Visitor, and Mrs. Nancy Dambach, secretary to the Pastor, stating that the work of these two had greatly increased the Church's effectiveness.

Dr. Walter Woodbury came to the Church in January to lead in a Visitation Evangelism Campaign, to prepare the way for the "Advance for Christ."

At the time of Pastor Gimmi's fifth anniversary as Wyoming's minister (March 1964), a "Recognition Reception" was held for those who had been received into membership during his pastorate. This was a very happy occasion, attended by 240 members and friends of the Church.

During the week of March 29-April 5, 1964, Pastor Gimmi held a series of special services at Brookland Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., where Rev. John W. Himes was Pastor.

A week of special services, led by Mr. Lyman Coleman, was conducted at Wyoming, April 19-26, 1964. The program was entitled, "Christianity in Depth," and afforded opportunities to each one in the Church family to participate. Mr. Coleman taught that growth in the Christian life depends upon the practice of systematic Bible Study, devotional reading, and daily, diligent prayer.

Mr. Edwin W. Richardson, Jr., was ordained at Wyoming on May 31, 1964. About 300 persons attended the service. Pastor

Gimmi presided and Dr. Walter B. Davis of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary preached the Ordination Sermon. Rev. Carl Baskin, Mrs. Mary E. Smith (Church Clerk), Rev. Kurt W. Frank, Mrs. Betty Gimmi, Dr. Wilbur W. Bloom and Dr. Nelson B. Baker also participated in the service. The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Edwin W. Richardson, Jr. A reception was held in Fellowship Hall after the service. Many good wishes were expressed and gifts presented to him and his wife, Phyllis. The ladies of the Church served refreshments.

In the spring of 1964 the Board of Trustees had started to think of ways of improving both the lighting and the seating in the sanctuary, in anticipation of the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary in October 1966. The Board Chairman, Mr. Jules Eibner, reported that plans were under consideration to improve Fellowship Hall, also. Mr. Robert Eisemann reported for the Music Committee that the Choir had more members than robes.

Pastor Gimmi went to the Cherrydale Baptist Church, Cherrydale, Virginia, in June, to conduct a week of services for Rev. A. W. Jackson. Mr. George Rice supplied the pulpit at the Sunday morning and evening services that week. He also preached on one of the Sundays of Pastor Gimmi's vacation, as did Rev. John W. Himes, Rev. William R. Bowman, Rev. Edwin W. Richardson, Jr., Rev. Victor Jochen, and Mr. Samuel J. Baker.

On July 1, 1964, a letter of dismissal was granted to Rev. Edwin W. Richardson, Jr., so that he might unite with the Aldenville Baptist Church, Aldenville, Pennsylvania, one of the two churches to which he was ministering.

Vacation Church School was held during two weeks in July, in conjunction with the Boulevard United Presbyterian Church. The School had an average attendance of 157 and a total enrollment of 202.

The Sunday School sent nine of its pupils to Camp Sunnybrook for a week during the summer, after they had completed the specified requirements in Bible memorization and other assignments.

An Every-Member Visitation was part of the Church Loyalty Crusade in the fall of 1964. More than 40 faithful members of the Church made a total of over 225 calls. The Sixth Annual Missions Conference was held during the four Sundays of October, with films of the mission work that the Church supports, and

guest speakers as well as Wyoming members participating in the leadership.

Due to serious illness, Mrs. Edna M. Hookway resigned as a teacher in the Junior Department of the Sunday School, after 65 years of teaching and working with the children of the Church. Mrs. Hookway's great desire in all those years had been to bring children to a knowledge of God, and Jesus Christ, to inspire them to study His Word, and prepare to take an active part in the life of the Church. For more than 20 years after Pastor Hookway's death Mrs. Hookway wrote a weekly column for the community paper: *The Feltonville Weekly*. She wrote a religious message, using some of Pastor Hookway's writings as background, and included news items and announcements concerning the Church and the community. Upon her retirement from teaching, the Sunday School presented to Mrs. Hookway a beautiful, framed certificate in appreciation of her 65 years of teaching, at a Sunday morning service in October 1964. At the same time, Mrs. B. Raymond Beuerle and Mrs. Alfred Wacker resigned, after serving in the Sunday School as teachers and Junior Department superintendents over a period of 38 and 30 years respectively. They also received framed certificates of appreciation.

In October 1964, the Church voted to create an additional worship service on Sunday morning at 8:15, to be tried out for one year, beginning the first Sunday of December 1964. At the end of a year it was to be evaluated for its effectiveness and outreach through the community. Pastor Gimmi advised the membership that the regular morning service had reached almost capacity. The early service would provide opportunity for attendance by those who for one reason or another were not able to attend the other services of the Church. The cost of conducting this service would be about \$250 per year, and it was expected to result in an additional attendance of 50 to 100 people at the weekly services, as well as increased attendance at Sunday School. The Pastor requested that special prayer be made by the members in behalf of this venture.

At the Sunday morning worship service on December 6, 1964, the Church licensed Mr. Samuel J. Baker, the Church Visitor, as a Lay Preacher. A new feature was added to Mr. Baker's visits to the sick and shut-ins during the year in the form of a tape-recorded message from Pastor Gimmi.

During 1964 the Lord added 43 to our membership. The total enrollment at the year's end was 412.

In January 1965, upon the recommendation of Pastor Gimmi, the Church created a Committee on Memorials. In recent years there had been a growing feeling on the part of many people that at the time of the death of a loved one they would like to make a fitting and lasting memorial gift. This committee, with Mr. Norman Lehman as Chairman, was to receive the money and, unless a certain item was specified by the donor, decide upon and purchase a gift for the Church. Small amounts were to be accumulated toward a larger item, if that seemed feasible. The Committee would write to the family of the departed, informing them that a memorial had been presented, and letting them know how the money had been used. All property given in this way would belong to the Church and would be placed in charge of the Board of Trustees.

When the Missionary Budget for 1965 was presented, the Church learned with regret that for the first time in many years the name of Miss Elsie Lukens had been omitted. Miss Lukens was no longer able to carry on the missionary work that she had done so faithfully in Pikesville, Kentucky, and was now a guest of Christ Home in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Three of the many items in the budget included:

1. The Inter-Church Child Care Society, an organization that goes into court to do what it can for children who are not receiving proper care, and to secure Protestant foster homes for as many of these children as possible.

2. The sponsoring of an American Baptist Convention church in Northampton Township, Pennsylvania, by contributing to a revolving fund, supported by several other Baptist churches. When the church that received help became self-supporting, that church would pay back the money to the fund so that new churches could be promoted in other areas.

3. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Pelham, American Baptist Convention medical missionaries preparing to go to the Congo.

These and many other worthy causes were included in the Missionary Budget of \$14,210—an all-time high for Wyoming. This and the Current Expense Budget of \$26,500 (also an all-time high) were adopted by the membership.



THE HOOKWAY MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Mr. George Fandrick reported that the Deacons were greatly encouraged by the Evangelistic Crusade conducted by the Ross Rhoads Team, January 17-24, 1965. Night after night the sanctuary was filled. Numerous decisions for Christ were made and many people rededicated their lives to Him. The Board felt that the meetings were very successful.

In February, an American Baptist Men's Fellowship was formed at Wyoming, with Mr. David Coopwood as President. On May 16, the Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Baptist Men's Fellowship visited the Church to present a charter to the Wyoming Chapter. This organization welcomed all the men of the Church as well as those outside the Church. Its primary purpose was to lead men into a vital relationship with God through personal faith in and commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The Board of Trustees, ever-mindful of the appearance as well as the general condition of the property, worked on three major projects: new pews for the sanctuary; overhauling the lighting system of the sanctuary; painting the walls. They wished to complete the work in time for the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The guest preachers during the Pastor's vacation were Rev. Robert Graves, Rev. Mel Dibble, Rev. Ross Rhoads, Rev. John W. Himes and Rev. Victor Jochen. Mr. George Rice and Mr. Samuel Baker led the early morning worship and some of the Sunday evening and mid-week Prayer services.

Nine of the Sunday School boys and girls went to Camp Sunnybrook for a week in the summer of 1965, with their expenses paid by the Sunday School Camping Fund. Money for this fund came from the Sunday School treasury and some of the organized classes.

The Church presented certificates of appreciation to Mrs. Florence Ball and Mrs. Anne Heller upon their retirement from the teaching staff of the Sunday School. Each of these ladies had taught for more than 30 years.

An Every-Family Visitation was conducted in the fall, with October designated as Church Loyalty Month. Pastor Gimmi led an evangelistic crusade in Alpha Community Baptist Church of Camden, in the fall. The Hookway Men's Bible Class provided special singing for the closing evening of this series. It was a fruitful ministry, and many professed Christ. Rev. Deming Gerow, missionary to Argentina, supplied the pulpit on the Sunday the Pastor was absent.

Mr. James McQuillen passed away in October, 1965, after 20 years of faithful service as the Sexton of the Church. Mrs. McQuillen worked with him in looking after the Church. Their son, Paul, consented to go on with the work after Mr. McQuillen's death.

After much prayerful consideration, the Board of Deacons recommended that the early Sunday morning worship service (8:15) be discontinued as of November 29, 1965. It was felt that this experiment had not worked out as well as expected, and the expenditure of time, effort and money was greater than the results warranted. A vote of thanks was extended to all who had tried to make this service successful, including Mr. John Siner, Mrs. Anne Heller, Mrs. Ruth Scott, Mr. Walter Whitehair, and Mr. David Coopwood, as well as many others.

The Missionary Committee Chairman, Mr. George Fandrick, expressed the belief that the large thermometer with its ribbon "mercury," placed at the front of the sanctuary to indicate the Church's Missionary giving, had been a helpful reminder to the congregation. The contributions deposited to the Missionary Fund for 1965 totaled \$14,872.67. This represented an increase of more than 100% in missionary giving over a seven-year period. The receipts for Current Expenses for the year were \$26,812.22.

Mr. Samuel Baker, Church Visitor, reported that he had made a total of 1,289 calls to the sick and shut-ins during 1965, often



THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

taking with him the pulpit flowers or gifts from the Church or some of its organizations. He and Pastor Gimmi conducted Communion Services for all the shut-ins during the weeks following Holy Week and World-Wide Communion Sunday.

The Sunday School conducted all its regular annual events in 1965: The Children's Day Service, using the program prepared by The American Baptist Convention; the Picnic; Vacation Church School; Rally Day; the Christmas program and party. Each event was a success. The Vacation Church School was underwritten by the Sunday School, and for the first time since 1958 was conducted by Wyoming alone. The average attendance was 124 with an enrollment of 144.

The Sunday School took the first steps toward creating an Audio-Visual Library. Filmstrips were catalogued and new ones purchased, as was a small filmstrip projector, to add to the other equipment. Mr. Philip Theis, Sr. was appointed Audio-Visual Co-ordinator and Librarian. He had served as Secretary of the Sunday School from 1954 to 1964. Mr. Theis also served as volunteer engineer and custodian of the Church's amplifying and electrical system for several years.

A Teacher-Training Class was conducted. The Sunday School enrollment as of December 1965 was 378, with an average weekly attendance for the year of 253.

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On December 5, 1965, Pastor Gimmi tendered his resignation, to become effective December 31, 1965. He had accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Before the family moved, the Church gave them a farewell party in Fellowship Hall. Gifts were presented, including a golf cart, a wristwatch, a clock radio and a set of books. Refreshments were served and good-byes were said. Pastor Gimmi conducted the morning worship and Communion Service on the first Sunday of 1966, and then he and his wife, Betty, their daughters, Grace and Betty Lou, and son, Stephen, went to West Virginia to take up the work to which God had called them.

Once again, Wyoming entered upon a Jubilee Year without a pastor.

Dr. Carl Morgan, Professor of New Testament Interpretation and Greek at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, consented again to come to the aid of Wyoming. The Church felt very fortunate that Dr. Morgan was willing to conduct the Sunday morning worship services, bringing scholarly and inspiring messages from God's Word. He led the Installation Service for the 1966 officers and committee members of the Church on January 23. Mr. Samuel Baker and the Deacons took care of securing speakers for the evening services and Prayer Meetings.

At the annual business meeting on January 12, 1966, Mr. J. Arthur Hookway was elected as Moderator of the Church, to preside over all matters of church business. The Deacons expressed appreciation for Pastor Gimmi's leadership in the past seven years and regret at his leaving the Church. These pages reflect many innovations in the Church program for which Pastor Gimmi was responsible. Among the most outstanding characteristics of his ministry were his zeal in the field of evangelism and his desire to increase the Church's contributions to Missions. At the end of his pastorate the membership of Wyoming numbered 403.

One of Pastor Gimmi's parting recommendations was that the Church begin a missionary project in the Abbotsford Homes. A family in the Church lived in the Abbotsford area—Mr. and Mrs. George Rice and their three children—and they arranged to have a busload of children from their community brought to Vacation Church School in 1965. Many of these children came from broken or unchurched homes. Some of them never had heard the Gospel story, and the area was "A field white unto harvest."

The Church was faced with the need for a large sum of money to take care of the proposed, greatly needed repairs and improvements to the building. A Current Expense Budget of \$26,500 and a Missionary Budget of \$14,210 were adopted for 1966. In addition, the Trustees were empowered to make renovations to the sanctuary costing up to \$7,500. This looked like a tremendous task, without the leadership of a pastor.

When Mr. Francis Rogers was re-elected as Financial Secretary of the Church at the annual business meeting, it was noted that he had been active in the Financial Secretary's work for 24 years. He served as Assistant for three years. When Mr. Edward Brogden resigned in 1945, after four years' service as Financial Secretary, as well as several years as Assistant, Mr. Rogers was elected Financial Secretary, and served faithfully and well. During these years he has been assisted in the work by Mr. Arthur Whitehair, Mr. Edward P. Bailey, Mr. William Wolfsinger and Mr. Philip Theis, Sr. This is a service demanding the sacrificial giving of time each week, and these men deserve the gratitude of every member of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have been active in many phases of the Church life, using their car to bring to services Wyoming members from the Baptist Home, and others who would find it difficult to get to the services. Mrs. Rogers was Missionary Secretary of the Church for a time.

Immediately upon the departure of Pastor Gimmi, the Board of Deacons began to work as a Pulpit Committee, in a prayerful search for a new pastor. Before his resignation Pastor Gimmi had initiated plans for another Ross Rhoads Crusade and he designated Mr. Charles Peters as Crusade Chairman. The services were held during the week of March 27-April 3, and with the help of many of the officers and members of the Church, the Crusade was carried to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Peters enrolled in the Philadelphia Baptist Lay Preacher's Training Program in 1966. At the Deacons' recommendation that the Church sponsor and encourage Mr. Peters in this step, his application to train for Lay Preaching was sanctioned by the Church. He came into the membership of Wyoming in 1963, and he and his wife and four young children have been faithful attendants at services and participants in the work.

Many of the young men of the Sunday School and Church have served the United States in various branches of the service. World



THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

War I and World War II Honor Rolls appear in earlier pages of this book. Howard Eisemann and R. Joseph Shaw served in Korea. Arthur Adams, Jr. went into Japan with the Army Chemical Corps. Walter Hinchcliff served in the Army as a Cryptographer in Japan. Charles Peters served in Japan. Arthur Scott, Ronald J. Sloan and Edward Orrison also were among those who saw foreign service. Wallace Osman was stationed on lonely Johnson's Island, in the Pacific about 1,000 miles southwest of Hawaii.

Albert Rosania, Jr. was in the thick of the fighting in Viet Nam, and returned home in the summer of 1966. Shortly afterward, he and Miss Kathy Drenkhahn had a lovely wedding in the church.

Kenneth Orrison, S.A., came home on furlough and attended some of the Diamond Jubilee services.

Mr. Kenneth Pickford enrolled at the Philadelphia College of the Bible during 1966, to prepare for full-time Christian service.

Boy Scout Troop 210, with Scoutmaster Jules Eibner, looked forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary in February 1967.

Mr. Baker presented the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Church By-Laws: "That the Church shall nominate and elect any brother in good standing to serve as Moderator (for one year) at all meetings for the transaction of business." This is to replace the statement: "The Pastor of the Church or, in his

absence, any brother whom the Church may appoint, shall act as Moderator in all meetings for the transaction of business." This recommendation stood on the books for three months and was adopted on April 13, 1966.

The Board of Trustees, with Mr. Jules Eibner as Chairman, and the Sanctuary Committee with Mr. Robert Eisemann as Chairman, worked together on securing bids for the work of repairing and renovating the Church property. An architect was engaged to suggest the placement of new pews. He submitted blueprints of a new arrangement for the sanctuary, which necessitated very little change in the carpeting. The new lights in the sanctuary were recessed in the ceiling. The old chandeliers were allowed to remain, as they fit in well with the architecture of the building. New lights were provided for the foyer steps, in an attempt to reduce the probability of accidents. The air-conditioner in the Pastor's Study was beyond repair, and a new one was secured before the onset of the summer heat. There is an amplifier in the Pastor's Study so that anyone who is not able to enjoy the services in the sanctuary because of the heat or some physical impairment may sit in the study and hear and participate in the services.

Mr. A. Arthur Turner, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced at the April business meeting that he had been asked to serve as Chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee. The members of the Finance Committee were asked to serve as the Fund Raising Committee, with Mr. Turner as Chairman, and the other four members of the Finance Committee: Miss Marie Bennett, Mr. David Coopwood, Mrs. Ann DuBell, and Mr. J. Arthur Hookway, as Captains of the Matthew, Mark, Luke and John Teams, respectively. These four Captains selected members to work on their teams, and a host of workers began the task of soliciting the congregation for Bonds. Miss Frances Faller agreed to act as Secretary of the Bond Drive and Mr. Charles Mathues as Treasurer. The Bonds were prepared in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75 and \$150. The \$150 Bonds were Memorial Bonds and each one purchased a new church pew in memory or in honor of a relative or friend. There were not many pews, and they went very quickly. The financial goal for the 75th Anniversary Campaign was \$7,500,



Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing.—*Psalm 100:2*

the amount that the Trustees had been empowered to spend on renovations.

The program was conducted after the pattern of the Mortgage Burning Campaign of 1945. The third Thursday evening of each month was designated as Bond Night, at which time those who had made pledges came to the Church to bring their contributions. The amount pledged could be paid immediately or over a period of up to ten months. On some of these evenings there was a social occasion at the Church, with entertainment and refreshments. Before the first Bond Night, in April, \$5,000 had been pledged to the Anniversary Campaign.

Besides the Fund-Raising Committee, Chairman Turner appointed the following: Publicity Committee, Committee for Youth Night (October 10), Third-Thursday Entertainment and Refreshments Committee, Jubilee Yearbook and Directory Committee, Sanctuary Improvement Committee, Committee on Sunday Services (October 9 and 16), Anniversary Music Committee, Decorations Committee, Homecoming Night Committee and Banquet Committee. (Committee members are listed on pages 122-123.)

The Church music was handled very capably for several years by Mr. Edwin Schneider as Organist and Mr. Frederick Fink as Music Director. Early in 1966 the Church was bereaved by the death of Mr. Fink. Mr. Schneider agreed to lead the Choir in

addition to playing the organ, until another Music Director could be found.

The sum of \$492 was contributed as a memorial to Mr. Fink by his family, relatives and friends. At the suggestion of his wife and daughter, this money was used for new robes for the Choir. The Music Committee, the Committee on Memorials and members of the Choir selected Yale Blue robes with reversible gold and white satin stoles.

At the July 1966 business meeting, a suggestion was made that a missionary speaker be invited to the Church three or four times a year, and that the missionaries be asked to speak about the work in their own fields, in addition to preaching a sermon.

The Bona Fide Class of the Sunday School, with Mrs. Ann DuBell as teacher, carried out several projects to help in the Good Shepherd Ministry of the Philadelphia Baptist Association. The class prepared gifts and sent them to Rev. John Bytte for inmates of the prisons and hospitals. The class also made flower arrangements which Mr. Baker took to the sick, aged and shut-in members and friends of the Church.

The Sunday School contributed \$250 to the Bond Drive, and \$300 for the expenses of the Vacation Church School. Again this year a busload of children came from Abbotsford Homes, and the attendance at the Vacation Church School was about 150.

The Diamond Jubilee Year was Mrs. Stella Reeves's 44th year as President of the Ladies' Aid Society. This organization always could be depended upon to perform any necessary service for the Church—preparing dinners and banquets for the Church family, for Church organizations, for visiting groups, and keeping the kitchen equipment and supplies replenished and in good order. If the Church treasury needed additional funds, the Ladies' Aid usually came forward with a substantial contribution. At one time in recent years the Society gave \$500; at another, \$210. For many years they contributed \$100 a month to the Church treasury. They presented a baptismal robe to the Church in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth MacMorris.

For nine years Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schimpf took care of the Church Nursery during Sunday morning worship. In 1966 this service meant looking after 18 to 22 children, from babies to four-year-olds.



THE YOUNG ADULTS' DEPARTMENT

Mrs. A. Arthur Turner and Mrs. Walter Spangenberg have shared the work of taking care of the Nursery Department of the Sunday School for 25 years. They have taught their two- and three-year-old pupils stories from the Bible, Scripture verses, and songs. They have taught them to play together, and have tried to make their experience of coming to God's House a valuable and happy one.

Mrs. Gertrude Hoseman has taught the Ladies' Bible Class for 19 years, giving inspirational and capable leadership. Prior to that, she taught other classes in the Sunday School for several years.

The Ladies' Bible Class, at the Diamond Jubilee time, had 80 members. This Class has been a vital group in Wyoming, taking part in all the activities and services of the Church. The ladies always have done a fine work in helping the sick, the unfortunate and the poor, through gifts of food, clothing, fuel, and in countless other ways. They have looked after shut-ins at Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays. They presented a wheelchair to the Church.

The members of the Class stand by one another in joy and in sorrow, bearing one another to the "throne of Grace." Prayer is a very real part of the life of the Ladies' Class.

The officers of the Class for 1966 were: Mrs. Albert Teall, President; Mrs. Kathryn Pickersgill, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth



THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Harvey, Secretary; Mrs. Adolph Eisemann, Treasurer. Mrs. Francis Rogers was a very active and efficient Sunshine Lady, taking gifts of cheer from the Class to those who needed them.

The Women's Missionary Society has been mentioned many times through these pages. In 1966 the Society had about 30 members, and they worked with a will to fill their White Cross quota, and to make aprons to contribute to children at the Baptist Orphanage and to the Community Christian Mission. Mrs. Florence Snyder, one of the faithful members, came all the way from her home in Cynwyd to attend the meetings, usually bringing with her several articles that she had made at home for the missionary cause. The officers of this organization for 1966 were: Mrs. Jeannette Williamson, President; Mrs. Clara Leber, Vice-President; Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, Secretary; Mrs. Alberta Censky, Treasurer; Mrs. Myrtle Moore, White Cross Chairman. White Cross gifts were sent to the Congo, India, Bengal, Puerto Rico, and to Mission Stations in the United States, as well as to the Baptist Home, Christ Home, the Baptist Children's House, Nugent Home, the Community Christian Mission and the Naval Hospital in this area, and the American Cancer Society and Church World Service. Besides gifts to these mission fields and agencies, the Women's Society contributed to the Church and to the American Baptist Convention.

The Hookway Men's Bible Class, with its motto, "Helping Men Build Character," plays a major role in the Church's activity. The Diamond Jubilee Year found the leadership of the Class in the

hands of: J. Arthur Hookway, President; George Fandrick and Walter Whitehair, Vice-Presidents; Perry Blum, Treasurer; Kirk Copeland, Richard Irvin, and Jackson McGraw, Secretaries; and Samuel Baker, Teacher. In addition, one of the secrets of the success of the Men's Class was that they gave many men positions of responsibility. In 1966 these additional jobs of responsibility were discharged ably by: Fred Carmen, in charge of selecting men each week to read the lesson from the rostrum; Walter Spangenberg, pianist; Robert Smith, cornetist; Arthur Turner, stand-by pianist; and Arthur Whitehair, reporter for *Inside Wyoming*. The Class membership in 1966 stood at 60, and the average attendance was 45.

The Church always sent representatives to the Board of Managers of the Baptist Children's House and the Baptist Home. The Records show that the Church voted in June 1903 "that a representation be appointed to act on the Board of the Baptist Old Ladies' Home and the Baptist Orphanage." Mrs. Martha Megee was appointed to the Board of the Baptist Home at that time, and Miss Elizabeth Fly to the Board of the Orphanage.

The Baptist Children's House representatives for 1966 were Mrs. Jeannette Williamson and Mrs. Marie Adams. The representatives on the Baptist Home Board of Managers were Mrs. Emma Rogers, Mrs. Amanda Fandrick, Mrs. Myrtle Moore, and Mrs. Regina Kern. Mr. A. Arthur Turner was a member of the Board of the Baptist Home. All of these people gave efficient service over many years, bringing before the Church the needs of these two great institutions, and working in many capacities to contribute to their successful functioning.

A new Church Directory was prepared for the Diamond Jubilee Year by Mrs. Nancy Dambach, with the help of Mr. Samuel J. Baker. It was completed before the end of the year.

The Pulpit Committee invited Rev. Gordon J. Kirk, Pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist Church, Brockton, Massachusetts, to preach at Wyoming on Sunday, September 18, 1966. He preached at morning and evening services. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and their daughter, Nancy, attended a reception held in their honor in Fellowship Hall at the close of the evening service. Another daughter, Marilyn, and a son, Richard, were unable to be present. The members of the Church had a little opportunity to get acquainted with the Kirks. On the following Sunday morning, after the worship service, the Moderator, Mr. Hookway, presided over a special Church



THE CRADLE ROLL

business meeting for the purpose of voting on a new pastor. Mr. Charles Peters, Secretary of the Pulpit Committee, gave a brief sketch of Mr. Kirk's experience as a pastor, and then a vote was taken. The Church voted to extend to Mr. Kirk a unanimous call to the pastorate. In a letter dated October 2, 1966, Rev. Gordon J. Kirk accepted the call "with great joy and strong trust in the continued guidance of God." At the 75th Anniversary time the members looked forward to December 1, when Pastor Kirk would take up his work as Minister of the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church.

The Church was very fortunate in having Dr. Carl Morgan in the pulpit on Sunday mornings. His exposition of God's Word has made him a valuable "under Shepherd" of the Church. He also acted as counselor to the Pulpit Committee. It was a great blessing to have Dr. and Mrs. Morgan at Wyoming for most of 1966.

A call to service was issued for Monday evening, September 26. The old pews were to be removed to make room for the new ones.

So many men willingly answered the call that in about one hour the old pews had been detached from the floor and removed from the sanctuary. These pews were donated to two churches. During the week, the floors were refinished. The men of the Church painted Fellowship Hall and other parts of the building.

On October 1, a very rainy Saturday, the beautiful new pews were installed in the sanctuary. The Church was a beehive of activity that day, as men, women and young people gathered there to scrub, clean, move furniture and work feverishly to prepare the building for the World-Wide Communion Service the following morning, and for the Anniversary Services beginning October 9. Meanwhile, the men from the New Holland Furniture Company were busy installing the pews. The new seating arrangement provides accommodation for 288 people. The pews cost \$5,623.

A beautiful bronze plaque in the foyer of the Church states:

THE PEWS IN THIS SANCTUARY WERE DONATED
AS A MEMORIAL TO

Mrs. Margaret Bailey	Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph T. Kohler
Mr. Thomas J. Bennett, Sr.	Ronald Allen Leber
Mr. Edward A. Brogden, Sr.	Mrs. Agnes McLean
Mr. John Desher, Sr.	Mr. Frederick McKendry, Sr.
Mr. Julius Eibner, Sr.	Mr. James H. McQuillen
Loved Ones of the	Mr. Charles Parisi
Eisemann-Scott Family	Mr. Howard T. (Unk) Reeves
Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Fandrick	Mrs. Jennie Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Woodman Huplets	Mrs. Cora Singley
Mr. Frederick A. Fink	Mr. Elmer Rhoades, Sr.
Mr. Walter H. Fluhrer	Mr. and Mrs. William Schimpf
Mr. Walter Grimm	Mr. and Mrs. William Smith
Loved Ones of the	Mr. Mahlon Swartley
Glenn-Knoedler-Lang Family	Mr. George Vetter
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goebel	Mr. Alfred Wacker
Mr. Glenwood Knowles	Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner
Mrs. Marie Hartmann	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walls
Mr. Robert Heller	Mr. and Mrs. Emil Wendt
Loved Ones of the	Mr. and Mrs. John Coteliese
Hillyer Family	Mrs. Evelyn Weiss
Pastor John A. Hookway	Mr. Samuel Whitehair
Loved Ones of the	Miss Vera Whitlock
Hummel-Metz Family	

AND IN HONOR OF

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Capper	Elaine and Jackie McGraw
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THE NURSERY DEPARTMENT

Each year at Eastertime the Philadelphia Baptist Association sponsors Evangelistic Street Meetings at Broad and Chestnut Streets, for the purpose of giving a strong Baptist witness in the city and attempting to win to Christ as many as possible of those who pass by and show an interest in the message and the music. Wyoming has had a part in these meetings since their inception. Both Pastor Himes and Pastor Gimmi brought the messages from time to time, and the Junior Choir provided the music on several occasions.

At the close of the Diamond Jubilee Campaign the Bond Drive had netted \$10,800.

The membership of the Church stood at 392.

The Church property, which started out so modestly, was valued at \$425,000, including the parsonage.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS
for the
Diamond Jubilee Year, 1966

DR. CARL MORGAN, *Acting Pastor*
REV. GORDON J. KIRK, *Pastor-Elect*

Deacons and Deaconesses

HARRY KIRSCH	MRS. ALICE HESS
WILLIAM WOLFINGER	MRS. LERLIE RAINER
SAMUEL BAKER	DAVID COOPWOOD
MRS. HARRY KIRSCH	J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY
MRS. WILLIAM WOLFINGER	WALTER SPANGENBERG
WILLIAM HINCHCLIFF	MRS. WALTER SPANGENBERG
CHARLES PETERS	MRS. JEANNETTE WILLIAMSON
ARTHUR SCOTT	

SAMUEL J. BAKER, *Church Visitor*

J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY, *Moderator*

MRS. CHARLES SCHIMPF, *Church Clerk*

MRS. JAMES DAMBACH, *Secretary to Pastor*

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EDWIN SCHNEIDER

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JULIUS EIBNER		FRANCIS SCHWARTZ

Sexton

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General Superintendent, GEORGE RICE

Associate Superintendent, J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY

Secretary, CHARLES SCHIMPF

Assistants, WILLIAM WOLFINGER, EMIL KNELL

Treasurer, MRS. ALICE C. HESS

Cradle Roll

Superintendent MRS. JOHN SINER

Nursery Department

Superintendent MRS. A. ARTHUR TURNER

Teacher MRS. WALTER SPANGENBERG

Beginner Department

Superintendent MRS. EMIL KNELL

Secretary MRS. JOHN HEINRICK

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Primary Department

Superintendent MISS VIOLET CADDICK

Secretary MRS. ANNE RHOADES

Teachers MRS. CHARLES ERICKSON, MRS. ALBERTA CAPPER

..... MISS MARIE BENNETT, MRS. CHARLES SCHIMPF

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Superintendent and Teacher CHARLES PETERS

Secretary ELMER RHOADES

Teachers MRS. LERLIE RAINER, JOHN SINER

Young People's Department

Superintendent and Teacher RICHARD WALLACE

Secretary MRS. RICHARD WALLACE

Teachers—

MRS. WALLACE OSMAN

MISS DUANE WALLACE

WALLACE OSMAN

MISS ARLENE DIPPEL

KENNETH PICKFORD

MISS SHERRY WALLACE

ROBERT EISEMANN

MRS. HARRY KIRSCH

DAVID COOPWOOD

MRS. PHILIP THEIS

Young Adults' Department

Teacher—Bona Fide Class	MRS. ANN DUBELL
President	MRS. FRANCIS SCHWARTZ
Teacher—Berean Class	MRS. WILLIAM WOLFINGER
President	MRS. CHARLES PETERS
Teacher—Bethel Class	ARTHUR SCOTT
President	

Ladies' Bible Class

Teacher	MRS. GERTRUDE HOSEMAN
President	MRS. ALBERT TEALL

Hookway Men's Bible Class

Teacher	SAMUEL J. BAKER
President	J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

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Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.—*Psalm 89:15*



MR. A. ARTHUR TURNER
Diamond Jubilee Chairman

After many months of preparation and anticipation, the people of Wyoming were indeed ready for the festal occasion. The first Sunday of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration, October 9, 1966, was clear and mild—a lovely day. The sanctuary was beautiful with its pale blue walls, the new pews, new recessed ceiling lights, and refinished floors. The doors leading from the foyer into the sanctuary had been reupholstered. Memorial bouquets of white flowers, plants, many palms and ferns adorned the pulpit. The words, "75th Anniversary," in large cut-out letters covered with pastel flowers, were mounted on the gilded organ pipes. The Organist and members of the Choir appeared for the first time in their new blue robes with gold satin stoles. The Senior Choir sang the anthem, "O Worship the King," with Mr. Edwin Schneider as Organist-Director. The Junior Choir, with Miss Violet Caddick conducting and Miss Debra Knell at the piano, sang "Hear Us."

Dr. Carl Morgan preached an inspiring sermon on the subject, "One Body and One Spirit," with Ephesians 4:1-16 as the Scripture.

On Sunday evening Rev. Anthony Campolla, a Professor at Eastern Baptist College, was the guest speaker. The enthusiastic congregational singing was led by Mr. Walter Whitehair, with an anthem by the Choir and solos by a guest singer, Mr. William Tompkins. Mr. Samuel J. Baker conducted the service.

Monday evening, October 10, was designated as "Youth Night." Those representing every age group of our Young People's Work entertained an audience of nearly 200 with a Musical Review of songs that had been sung from 1891 to 1966. The members of the chorus were dressed in the styles of various decades in the 75 years. Mr. Charles Peters presided, giving a brief resumé of the Church's history between the musical numbers, as well as participating in some of the music. Mr. Arthur Scott led the chorus and Mrs. Scott accompanied at the piano. There were solos on two clarinets and an electric guitar.

Mr. Harry Bristow, a former member of Wyoming, who is head of the Christian Youth Cinema and Book Store, and who has his own radio and television programs, was asked to speak. He brought a brief testimony as to his coming to Wyoming as a boy in 1937, accepting Christ as his Saviour, and finding inspiration to go into Christian service.

On Wednesday evening of Anniversary Week Prayer Meeting was conducted by Mr. Samuel Baker, with 52 in attendance. At the close of the Prayer Meeting, the regular quarterly business meeting was held. The Moderator, Mr. Hookway, recognized the three Charter Members who were present: Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, Mrs. Stella Reeves, and Mrs. Alice Stephens. Then he called for reports.

Mr. Walter Spangenberg reported that the Board of Deacons had held regular meetings all through the summer, as they sought a new pastor. They were very happy that Rev. Gordon J. Kirk had consented to become the Pastor, and would begin his work the first week of December. Mr. Spangenberg announced that Dr. W. Everett Griffiths, a Professor at Eastern Baptist Seminary, would supply the pulpit from the end of October until Pastor Kirk's arrival.

Mr. Jules Eibner expressed the appreciation of the Trustees to those who had given so much time and strength to repair, paint, clean and decorate the Church for the Anniversary Week. Most of



THE BEGINNER DEPARTMENT

the major projects had been completed, including those already mentioned, a new amplification system, and a new air-conditioner for the Pastor's Study. Still to be completed were: repairs to floor tile throughout the building, some additional plastering and painting, waterproofing the walls, and pointing the brickwork in the rear of the property. Renovations to the parsonage were to be made before Pastor Kirk and his family moved into it.

Chairman Turner reported for the Finance Committee and the Diamond Jubilee Committee that the goal of \$7,500 had been more than reached. Contributions and pledges amounted to \$10,420, and he knew of more that would be coming. About \$14,000 had been spent in additions and renovations during 1966.

Mr. Arthur Scott said that just before leaving the Church, Pastor Gimmi had asked him to take the position of Youth Director. He worked with the young people through 1966. The Society had a membership of 35, with about 25 steady and faithful attendants. The age range was from 14 to 20. Despite this wide span, there was a close-knit fellowship among the members. Mr. Scott asked for prayer for this group, that they might be drawn more fully into the work and life of the Church.



THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Most of the flowers that grace the pulpit each Sunday are memorial gifts to honor departed loved ones. At the 75th Anniversary time Mr. Walter Spangenberg had been Chairman of the Flower Committee for 30 years—indeed, for most of that time he had been *the Committee*—and he reported that each year contributions to the Flower Fund were more generous than the previous year.

Mr. Samuel J. Baker was very busy during 1966 in his role as Church Visitor, calling on the sick and the shut-ins, taking Communion to them, conducting Prayer Meeting and other services of the Church. He planned to start a class in Church-Membership after Anniversary Week.

The Sunday School reached the 75th Anniversary in a healthy, progressive condition, with Mr. George Rice as Superintendent. He was also Editor of *Inside Wyoming*, the Sunday School newspaper which he was instrumental in starting in 1963. (The Sunday School officers and teachers are listed on page 110.) Mrs. Louis S. Hess was elected Treasurer of the Sunday School in 1934, and for 32 years had been a careful custodian of the funds. She taught a class in the Sunday School, substituted as teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class, served as a member of the Missionary Committee of the Church and as Missionary Secretary. She always supported the Missionary

Society and was a faithful attendant at the Sunday services and at Prayer Meeting.

Mrs. Anne Rhoades, Secretary of the Primary Department, was the only one of the original Children's Workers (organized in 1934) still active in the Children's Division at the time of the Diamond Jubilee.

In the Sunday School at the 75th Anniversary Celebration were children and young people whose connection with Wyoming could be traced back to the fourth generation of Church members. Among them were Philip and David Theis, whose great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner; James and Sherrie Dambach, whose great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schattler; Sharon and Cindy Parcell, whose great-grandmother was Mrs. Jane Parcell; Herbert Flinkman, whose great-grandmother was Mrs. Alberta Smith; Wendy, Gwen and Robert Emrich, whose great-grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walls; Dennis and Carolyn McKendry, whose great-grandmother was Mrs. Ada Hoffner.

Homecoming Night, Thursday, October 13, was a very happy and unusual occasion—unusual in that all the former pastors of Wyoming were present, with the exception of Rev. John A. Hookway, who passed away in 1939. The Minister who supplied the pulpit on Sunday mornings, and the Pastor-elect who would begin his work in December, were present also. The people began to arrive early, enjoying the beautiful sanctuary with its new appointments and many baskets and plants of white flowers, palms and ferns.

Chairman A. Arthur Turner presided, and Mr. Walter Whitehair led the singing, with Mr. Edwin Schneider at the organ, Miss Grace Whitehair at the piano, and Mr. Robert Smith playing his cornet. The members of the Choir took their places in the choir-loft. Old favorite hymns were sung, including "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and "Sweeter As the Years Go By." Rev. Walter E. Capper pronounced the Invocation. Mr. Turner welcomed the congregation and introduced the two Honorary Chairladies, Mrs. Edna M. Hookway, and Mrs. Stella Reeves—the only two Charter members of Wyoming who were active in the work at the time of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Mrs. Alice Rushton Stephens, also a Charter Member, was present. Mr. Turner recognized these three as Charter Members. He called on Rev. and Mrs. Walter Capper and Rev. and

Mrs. Charles Dear to stand. He then recognized the wives of the past, present and future ministers of the Church: Mrs. Hookway, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Himes, Mrs. Gimmi, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Kirk.

The Hookway Men's Bible Class, led by Mr. Whitehair, sang "The Church in the Wildwood," and "If God Were Dead."

Mr. Turner read a letter from a former member of the Church, telling of her Christian experience at Wyoming, where she found Christ as her Saviour. Her name remained anonymous to the congregation.

PAST

Rev. John A. Hookway, the first Pastor of the Church, was represented by his son, Arthur, who spoke briefly of his father's forty years as minister of Wyoming. He felt that Pastor Hookway would have been proud of the accomplishments of the Church, and very happy over the appearance of the building, because it reflected the concern of God's people for His house.

Dr. Oliver W. Hurst, Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, Rev. John W. Himes, Pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., and Rev. Raymond A. Gimmi, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Parkersburg, West Virginia, reminisced about their years at Wyoming, their associations with the people and organizations of the Church, whose untiring efforts made the Pastor's task easier, the family atmosphere prevalent in the Church, and the willingness on the part of the membership to enter into new ventures for God. They recounted humorous incidents that had occurred during their pastorates.

PRESENT

Dr. Carl Morgan, who ministered to the congregation through the Diamond Jubilee year, spoke of the need for the Gospel at the present time. He said, "With the Lord, there is nothing but the present. The past has been wiped away and the future is not yet here. You are ready to go into the future *now* with the background of the past."

FUTURE

Rev. Gordon J. Kirk, Pastor-elect of Wyoming, expressed appreciation for the lives and the work of the men who preceded him in the pastorate of the Church. He spoke of his expectations



MRS. STELLA REEVES

MRS. EDNA M. HOOKWAY

The Only Charter Members Active in the Work in 1966

and hopes for Wyoming in the years to come, based on God's promises, especially the words, "I will be with thee."

After this very interesting and enjoyable presentation of the Past, Present and Future, the Choir sang the Doxology. The congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers," and Mr. Samuel J. Baker pronounced the Benediction.

Everyone present was invited to adjourn to Fellowship Hall, where members of the Homecoming Night Committee served refreshments, and the people had an opportunity to greet former members, old friends, and one another. Many who had not been in the Church for years attended. The Committee had requested those who had old pictures, programs and other materials connected with Wyoming to bring them to the Church earlier in the week. These were arranged in an attractive display on screens in Fellowship Hall, providing further enjoyment for all.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Banquet was held on Saturday evening, October 15, with 202 in attendance. The Committee, with Mr. Perry Blum as Chairman, arranged a fine program. Fellowship Hall and the banquet tables were very attractively decorated. McCallisters catered a delicious dinner. Mr. J. Arthur Hookway was Master of Ceremonies. Mr. George Rice asked the blessing before dinner. Mr. Walter Whitehair led the singing of old favorite

songs. The soloist of the evening was Rev. Ernest Huntzinger, Pastor of the First Christian Church, Tenth Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. His beautiful tenor voice thrilled all who were present. He was accorded a standing ovation. Mr. Hookway recognized the three Charter Members of the Church who were present: Mrs. Hookway, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Stephens. These three ladies attended every service and event of the Diamond Jubilee Week. Mrs. Stephens came from her home in Glendora, New Jersey, to spend the week as a guest of Mrs. Jeannette Williamson. Besides these three ladies, there were four more remaining Charter Members at the time of the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary: Mrs. Jennie Poultney Johnson, Mrs. Lillian Parker Dalley, Mrs. Cora Wunder Hawthorne and Mrs. Florence Hardiman Roberts. Mr. Charles Osborne, who came to the Church about the turn of the Century also was recognized by the M. C. Pfc. Kenneth Schulz, home on furlough from Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and looking very trim in his Army uniform, received a hearty welcome.

Rev. Walter E. Capper, Dr. Oliver W. Hurst, and Mr. A. Arthur Turner were called upon to bring greetings. A telegram of congratulation and greeting from Rev. and Mrs. Gordon J. Kirk, and another from Nancy, Barbara, Kathleen and Carey Himes were read and appreciated.

Rev. David Burrows, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Malvern, Pennsylvania, brought the address of the evening. It was humorus and entertaining, and ended on a serious, highly spiritual note.

Mr. Hookway thanked Chairman Turner and all the Committee members who had made possible the accomplishments and the interesting and enjoyable events of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Mr. Turner's ability as a leader and organizer manifested itself many times in the work at Wyoming. The chairmanship of the Golden Jubilee Committee (1941), the Mortgage Burning Campaign (1945) and the Diamond Jubilee Committee were only a few of the tremendous tasks that he was asked to undertake. Each one was carried to a successful conclusion. Under the capable leadership of the Chairman, goals were set, plans were made, workers were enlisted, prayers were offered, and the work was carried on in a spirit of joy and enthusiasm. The evening closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the Benediction by Mr. Samuel J. Baker.

Sunday, October 16, was the final day of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration. Once again the congregation enjoyed the beauty of the Lord's house, with the fresh white flowers and lovely greenery. Deacon David Coopwood conducted the morning service. The Choir sang, "Create in Me a Clean Heart." Dr. Oliver W. Hurst preached the morning sermon, based on Acts 2:42-47. Before the sermon, Dr. Hurst spoke of the beauty of the sanctuary, and led the congregation in a service of dedication of all the additions and improvements. Mrs. Hurst offered a beautiful dedicatory prayer, mentioning especially the new pews and lighting, the newly decorated sanctuary, and the new Choir robes.

The Sunday evening service was conducted by Deacon Hookway. Mr. Walter Whitehair led the song service. Mr. Robert R. McQue was the guest soloist, and the Senior Choir sang. The messenger for the evening was Rev. A. Scott Hutchison, Executive Secretary of the Philadelphia Baptist Association.

And so the Diamond Jubilee Celebration ended.

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The people had a mind to work.—*Nehemiah 4:6*.

Early in the year, Chairman Turner wrote to the Church members, stating that it was only fitting and proper to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary by making 1966 one of the outstanding years in the history of the Church. He outlined five goals that the Diamond Jubilee Committee had adopted. Each of these goals was accomplished by the end of the year, as follows:

1. A New Pastor. Rev. Gordon J. Kirk accepted the call to be the Pastor of Wyoming, and agreed to begin his ministry on December 1, 1966.
2. The renovation, improvement, and redecoration of the sanctuary, as well as of other parts of the property were completed.
3. The history of the 75 years at Wyoming, and a new, complete Church directory were published in 1966.
4. The services and events of Anniversary Week—October 9-16—were well attended and most enjoyable.
5. The financial goal of \$7,500 was more than met, as the total reached \$10,800.

Surely the people succeeded in their efforts, and the Lord blessed them as they endeavored to accomplish great things for Him.

DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMITTEES

Jubilee Chairman, A. ARTHUR TURNER

Committees for the Year

Sanctuary Improvement

JULES EIBNER*	ROBERT EISEMANN	ARTHUR HOOKWAY
PERRY BLUM	ARTHUR WHITEHAIR	JACKSON McGRAW

Fund Raising

FRANCES FALLER, <i>Secretary</i>	CHARLES MATHUES, <i>Treasurer</i>
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Matthew Team

MARIE BENNETT*	JACKSON McGRAW	JOHN DESHER
PERRY BLUM	ANNE HELLER	ALBERT ROSANIA
IDA SPANGENBERG	ELIZABETH TURNER	FLORENCE HEIN
	FRED MCKENDRY	

Mark Team

DAVID COOPWOOD*	FLORENCE BALL	MARY ORRISON
LERLIE RAINER	GRACE ERICKSON	MARY E. SMITH
CHARLES PETERS	ALBERT TEALL	

Luke Team

ANN DUBELL*	MARION BLUM	DOLORES MATHUES
ELIZABETH WHITEHAIR	NED CARL	JOHN SINER
ALBERT KUNZE	ARTHUR SCOTT	AGNES MASTERSON
ETHEL SCHIMPF	WILLIAM HINCHCLIFF	ANTHONY GRIFFONI
ALBERTA CENSKY	ELEANOR CARL	FRED KLEIS

John Team

J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY*	AMANDA FANDRICK	KENNETH PICKFORD
WALTER WHITEHAIR	JULES EIBNER	GEORGE DAVIS
CHARLES ERICKSON	ARTHUR WHITEHAIR	ELMER RHOADES

Publicity

WALTER HINCHCLIFF*	BENJAMIN HETRICK	JOHN SINER
RICHARD IRVIN	GEORGE RICE	ALBERTA CENSKY

Third Thursday Entertainment and Refreshments

ALBERT ROSANIA*	BONA-FIDE CLASS
BEREAN CLASS	MARANTA CLASS

Jubilee Year Book

ELIZABETH BEUERLE*

ARTHUR WHITEHAIR

Church Directory

NANCY DAMBACH

SAMUEL BAKER

Committees for Anniversary Week

Sunday Services — October 9 and 16

DR. CARL MORGAN

BOARD OF DEACONS

Music

WALTER WHITEHAIR*

SHIRLEY HINCHCLIFF

SUE EISEMANN

CHARLES PETERS

Decorations

MYRTLE MOORE*

MARIE KNOEDLER

WISTER MOORE

JEANNETTE WILLIAMSON

EMILY GLENN

JACKSON McGRAW

ELIZABETH HARVEY

STELLA IRVIN

CHARLES MATHUES

AMANDA FANDRICK

Youth Night

CHARLES PETERS*

RICHARD WALLACE

BESSIE KNELL

LERLIE RAINER

VIOLET CADDICK

ARTHUR SCOTT

Homecoming Night

A. ARTHUR TURNER*

EDNA M. HOOKWAY, *Honorary Chairman*

STELLA REEVES, *Honorary Chairman*

ELIZABETH BEUERLE

ALICE C. HESS

JULES EIBNER

EMMA ROGERS

IDA SPANGENBERG

ALBERTA KIRSCH

STELLA IRVIN

ARTHUR WHITEHAIR

75th Anniversary Banquet

PERRY BLUM*

WILLIAM HINCHCLIFF

J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY

FRANCIS ROGERS

GEORGE FANDRICK

WALTER WHITEHAIR

* Chairman

PASTORS OF THE MISSION AND CHURCH

REV. IRA D. KING	1891-1892
REV. CLARK O. MALTBY	1892-1893
DR. JAMES FRENCH, D.D.	1893-1897
REV. JOHN A. HOOKWAY	
<i>Assistant Pastor</i>	1895-1897
<i>Pastor</i>	1897-1935
<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	1935-1939
REV. OLIVER W. HURST	
<i>Assistant Pastor</i>	1934-1935
<i>Pastor</i>	1935-1941
REV. A. E. HARRIS, D.D.	
<i>Interim Pastor</i>	1941
REV. JOHN W. HIMES	1942-1958
DR. CARL MORGAN	
<i>Interim Pastor</i>	1958
<i>Acting Pastor</i>	1965
REV. RAYMOND A. GIMMI	1959-1965
REV. GORDON J. KIRK	1966-

Superintendents of the Sunday School

MR. WILLIAM COOKSHOTT	1891-1894
MR. CHARLES STRINGER	1895-1899
MR. HARRY OSBORNE	1900-1901
REV. JOHN A. HOOKWAY	1902-1903
DR. W. HARMER GOOD	1904-1905
MR. JAMES D. LEHR	1905-1906
MR. EDWARD A. SAMSEL	1907-1909
REV. JOHN A. HOOKWAY	1910-1912
REV. HARRY E. DEGROOT	1913-1923
REV. JOHN A. HOOKWAY	1924-1925
MR. JOSEPH KING	1925-1935
MR. J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY	1936-1940
MR. WILLIAM T. SCHWARTZ	1941-1942
MR. WILLIAM O. CONNON	1943-1945
MR. J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY	1945-1946
MR. EDWARD A. BROGDEN	1947-1949
MR. SAMUEL J. BAKER	1950-1951
MR. J. ARTHUR HOOKWAY	1952-1953
MR. A. ARTHUR TURNER	1953-1959
MR. ARTHUR BRYSON	1960-1961
MR. WALTER HINCHCLIFF	1961-1962
MR. GEORGE RICE	1963-1966

DEACONS AND DEACONNESSES—1900-1966

In Order of Their First Election to the Board

Lewis B. Bitters	Jules Cuthill	Mrs. Freda Eisenhower
James E. Walmsley	Marion Firth	Mrs. Edward Orrison
David W. Browne	Mrs. Frank Hoseman	Mrs. Albert Teall
Harry C. Osborne	Mrs. Chas. Overholtz	William Jay
Hugh MacMurtrie	William T. Schwartz	Walter Spangenberg
James D. Lehr	Charles Brandenberger	Adolph Eisemann
Meritt Williams	Charles Overholtz	Anna Turner
Edward Samsel	Mrs. Sarah Hacking	Mrs. Thomas Beattie
Louis T. Smith	William Wolfinger	Arthur Bryson
Harry Baumeister	Howard Reeves	Philip Theis
Walter Capper	Seth Bittle	Mrs. Howard Chism
Bruce B. Greaves	Raymond Kern	Mrs. Wister Moore
Harry E. DeGroot	Samuel Baker	Mrs. Francis Rogers
Alexander Cuthill	Mrs. Harvey Ball	Edward P. Bailey, Jr.
William J. McNeil	Mrs. Wm. Wolfinger	Mrs. Elmira Kight
James F. Crane	Mrs. Howard Reeves	Mrs. George Moody
William Marshall	Mrs. Samuel Baker	George Moody
Frederick Bluett	Julius Gulyas	Harry Kirsch
William P. Storkey	William Breitmeyer	Mrs. Harry Kirsch
David Griffenberg	Edward A. Brogden	Mrs. W. Spangenberg
James B. Tucker	Albert Teall	John Allen
Mrs. Marie Cuthill	David Coopwood	Mrs. John Allen
Alvina J. Thoms	Mrs. George Fawthorpe	William Hinchcliff
Luke Laycock	Mrs. Louis Hess	Mrs. Lerlie Rainer
Walter H. Grimm	Mrs. John Stephens	Marie Knoedler
Robert Woodside	Mrs. Armer Watson	George Fandrick
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George Whitehair	Mrs. Charles Erickson	John Siner
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The story of the work at Wyoming these past seventy-five years is evidence of the guidance of the Lord. Through the years He has been present to bless every undertaking carried on in His name. May it be the constant prayer of the Church that the efforts of the people always will be found pleasing to Him and that His blessing will continue to sustain the Wyoming Avenue Baptist Church. This was the prayer of the people of Wyoming as they anticipated the coming of the new Pastor, Rev. Gordon J. Kirk.

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Elizabeth Stehr
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Charles Mitchell
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Mathilda Hartmann
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Ruth Stephens
Gertrude Patrick
Bertha Patrick
Walter Simond
Mabel Quimby
Adelaide Houghton
Agnes Tait
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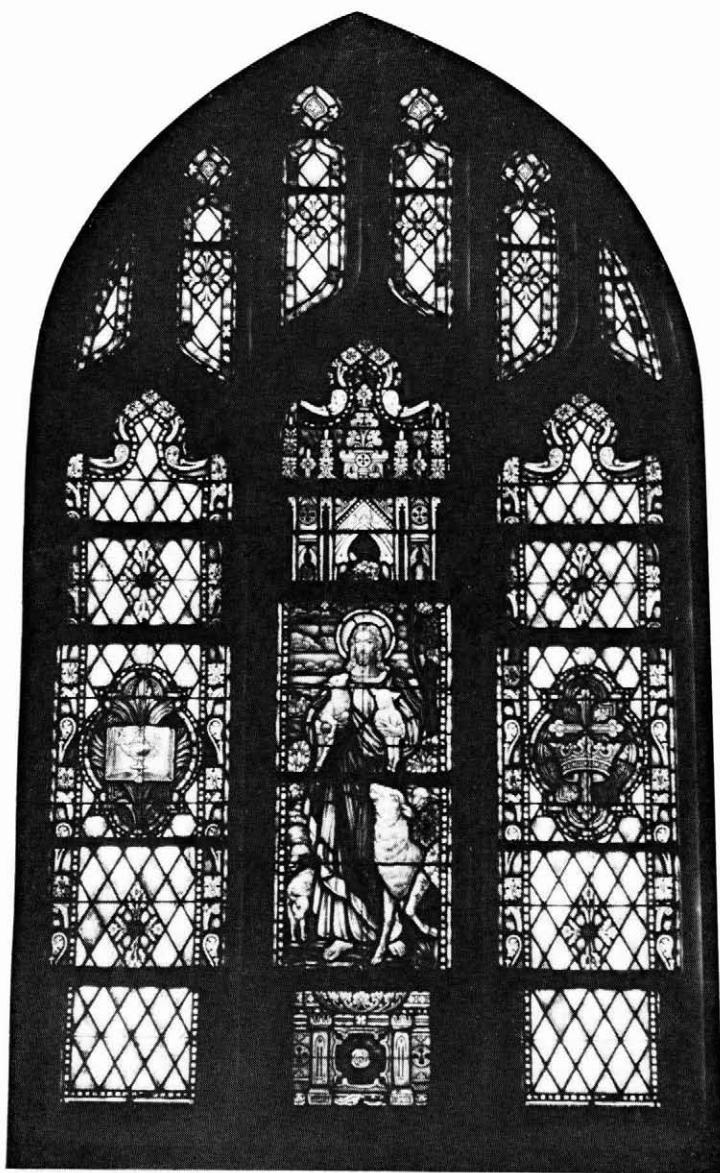
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